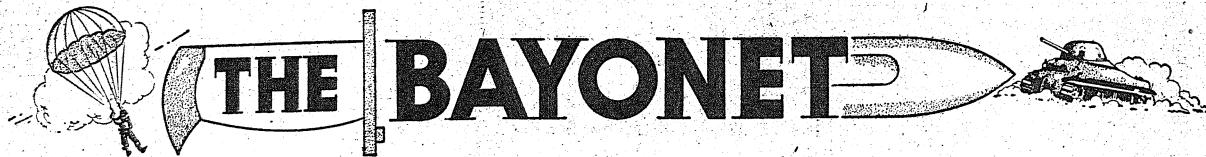


Fort Benning Celebrates Silver Anniversary

All This In 25 Years!!!

In the relatively brief span of 25 years Fort Benning has grown from a small training camp to what many army men regard as America's most complete post and as one of the nation's model military installations. On this page the camera has recorded a quick panoramic view of some of the many activities which are routine at Fort Benning illustrating why Benning occupies its unique position in military affairs.



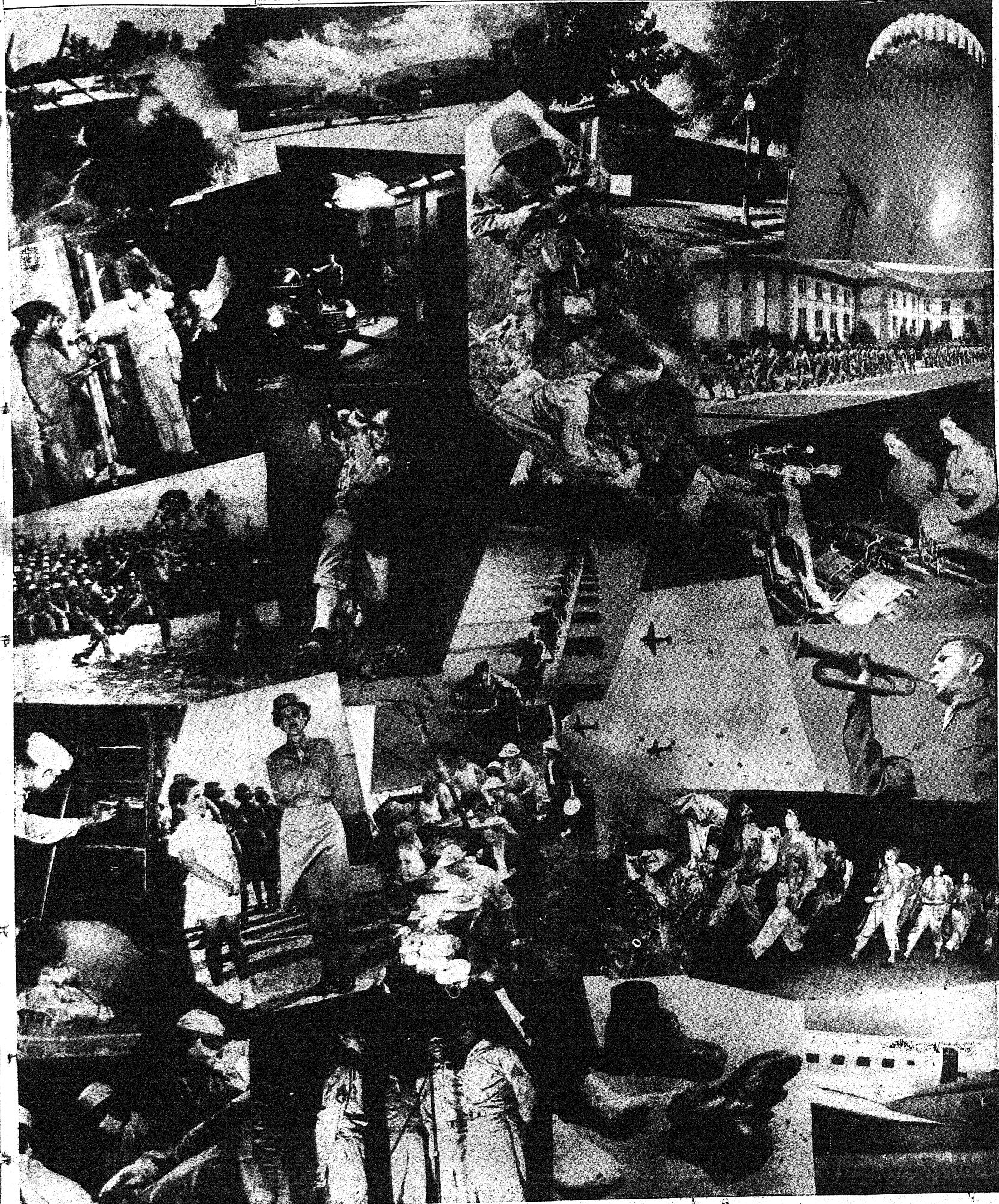
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Creeping Shadows

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You showed me first the faces in the sky
And called them angels, judges, camels, kings.
You taught me how to love the little things
That live upon the earth, and living die.
You brought me near the humming bird to spy
It's dainty flight, a moment's miracle.
You raised my city to a pinnacle
Of castle towers rising heaven high.
You saved me from the spirits in the fall
Of evening by the dance of lullaby
And the shield of love beyond the nod
Of still exploring sleep, answering the call
Of fairy dancers. In your teardrops I
Awoke to see the constant smile of God!

XI

I spy my lady's powder puff above
in the sky, so graceful and so fair.
I wonder how it chance to journey there
Was the moon so jealous of my love
She stole the puff? Or did some queenly dove
Behold my lady, and her envy flare
Into a passion, being then aware
How usual she was, and knowing of
y darling's beauty; instantly she flew
Upward with the perfumed powder puff,
Far distant to a hidden hideaway,
But dropped it from her boudoir in the blue?
I spy it floating homeward on the fluff
Of an evening Zephyr-blown away!

XII

Symphony! I hear the singing sound
Of Heaven's choir whispering a song
Of painted throned. How sweet and long
The fainting measures curl and fall around
The brow of Earth and perish on the ground
Beneath my feet without an arson!
Beautifully a heart has heard among
The silence a straying chime and found
The orchestra of Heaven playing full
And matchless music. Till the day I die
No more, my heart will stay to listen there.
To love the evening cloud, the circling Gull,
The speechless prayer against the silent sky!
And after death, to find it twice as fair.

XIII

At night the lullaby of Theta Xi
Ascends to me. I hear the brother's song
Sounding up the stair, and oft long
The pictured halls a brother's face I spy,
Familiar from the past; jacket, bow tie,
And sober scholar's smile. Oh happy throng.
These faces, and the laughter loud and long,
In pleasant plays of youth's hilarity!
Jack upon the keys, and Warren's frown,
And Arnold's quip, and Blackie's studded scorn.
May dove with a glass of beer!
How brilliant in the quiet college town
Our noisy room! How early comes the morn,
And ivy'd halls, and partings full of cheer!

V

An ancient smoking bowl of bitter bite
Rested on its stem, long in his hand,
And graced the air with heavy haze, the bland
Smoke fairies danced into the night!
A bulky volume spread beneath the light
Upon his quiet knee, a mute expand
Of history and heroes and the grand
Linguistics of a poetry affligh.
He couched and turned the page and looked away
Into the hollow kingdom of the air,
And, tasting from his pipe the musty steep,
He visioned armies clashed in bright array.
Wild mountainsides, and maidens dancing fair.
He sighed his sigh, and softly fell asleep.

VI

Comus in his labyrinthine lair
Heard the wary feet of passers-by
Avoid his darkling haunt, and seek the sky
Above them unobstructed, breathe the air
Of virgin breezes cool and fresh and fair,
Whither uninhibit sunbeams fly
Downward to the earth. But oft an eye
Explored the forest's pleasures, took the dare
Of devil's colors, trod the mystic while
With careless feet. A bawdy, restless tongue
Hollowed from the depths of jollity
As victors sometimes passed without a smile,
And victims, ultimately happy, hung
Cadavers on the way—this moment we.

VII

Where I am weak your love has made me strong,
Your hands have led me in the sightless way
Of pilgrimage. I bow my head and pray.
When I am sad your lips have lent me song
More resonant than the beaten gong
Of primitive ambitious, and the sway
That fortune's drums incessantly betray
In their uncanny master. All along
The mystic perfidy has wrought
For legions, I have found constant, near
My aching head, restring harmony,
Unjuried, impervious, impudent, and unbought
By gold or tickle time, yet ever dear
To men. Oh peerless darling Liberty!

VIII

Clever understudy of the mind
That rules Hell, ungodly, cruel greed!
How often does your pouting belly feed
Upon the blood of innocence and find
It pleasant gruel! Your grimy talons bind
The spotless skin, and make the virgin bleed
In ravished pain! Not thoughtless, heartless deed
Is lawless when your fiery jewels grind
Upon their meat. Your cunning planning raised
The smoking stomachs, fertile industries
Bonding free men, nor recognize the loss
That silver shuns. How grandly were you praised
By your brother hearkened Hitler's cries
And gave the perfect democrat a cross.

IX

Be warned of this, America, of all
Your manly powers malice must be least,
Even when the rumblings in the East
Announce your wound. The noble social wall
Of order, having trembled to its fall,
May be rebuilt most firmly of the best
Construction, letting wanton weapons rest,
Drawing cankerous vinegall and gall.
If hate is lacking, hate who undermined
The sweet foundations firstly with his flow
Of bitter wine, and left no pinion strong.
If we would build the wall, we must be kind;
Its strength is in the natural human flow
Of understanding, and its life is long.

X

We the hearts that sheathe the flesh in steel
And beat our cadence on the smoky street;
We the hearts that taste the minute, sweet
Between the hours of battle; We who feel
The trembling pain of earth beneath, who reel
Upon the rising dust, and kiss the feet
And burning bullet. We who fall to meet
The humid shirt of grass with joy, and deal
Our dim and ragged cards to destiny
Without a middleman to cut the pack.

Or help the swirling fall of fate be fair;
We know in aching heart a mystery.
We see the infant blue through ancient black,
And find a cheerful teardrop in dispair.

XI

My Mary, dear, how fond the faded day
We wandered last in springtime's verdure green
Along the hilly avenue! I ween
That my troubled hours have passed away
From bright experience since the careless play
Of youthful jollity our eyes have seen
In our beloved town. The mystic sheen
Of Nichol's Arboretum and the stream,
The Pretzel Bell, and Floutzies, and a nook
Hidden in the Parrot's sunken eye
Where the smoky hours dreamed a dream
Of wonder days, the pencil and the book
Momently forgotten for a sigh!

XII

When the fire life has left me cold
And I am no more conscious of the day,
Nor hear the chimes the carillon will play,
When I am dead and cannot feel the hold
Of your familiar hand, or know the mould
Of my own form; When I cannot say
The words that sing my poems and betray
My thoughts and love to lovers as of old,
Still you will find me ever by your side,
Whispering from winding roads and flowers
That blossom in the spring, and from the sea
That dashes on the shore, and gulls that glide
Homeward in the spray to drying bowers,
So commonplace when I have ceased to be.

XIII

Till time has closed my eyes I'll look on you
As early as the mystic summer rain
That wakes the flowers to morning life again,
I'll hold you closely as the rose the dew.
Till death has closed my ears, I'll listen to
The symphony of your sweet lip's refrain,
Far sweeter still than Earth's sublimest strain
Might in its most inspired hour pursue.
Though you are gone, I see you in the snow
That rests its mantle on the mountain's brow
And lifts its soft white lips to God above;
And, in my sweetest, dearest dream, I know
That you could never be more near than now.
I have you yet, through time and death, my love!

XIV

Death has spoken from his silent halls,
Hissing solemn syllables, the boy
Listens; whispers interrupt his joy
And tell him of a chamber without walls,
Infinitesimal, the minute calls
Of morning birds excluded, their deploy
Too sweetly vast. No horrid blast's annoy
Invades the tiny closet of the palls.
Silent retrogression of the years
Sends him out of living's crowded room,
Form friendly hands and eyes, and from the girl
Whose laughter cheered him and whose silent tears
Follow toward a long forgotten womb
Reentered past the germ's primal swirl.

OC JOHN HUNTER,

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The Sleeping Men

2nd Prize, Verse, \$25 War Bond

SGT. LEONARD SUMMERS, Hq. Co., Acad. Reg't

Across the sea, across the sea,
Beneath once-green lawn,
Where flowered beds are ripped to shreds.
There lies a human pawn;
And while he lies in death's dark guise,
The war goes on and on.

On sleeping men, oh sleeping men,
You men who still have life,
Who have not stayed the evil blade
Of famine, fear and strife,
Arise, dull youth! Arise to truth!
Lest you beget the knife!

The men who sleep across the deep,
Have had their taste of lead;
They fought in mud, and with their blood,
They painted sabers red;
And while they sleep, their mother's weep,
Because these men are dead.

But over here, we drink our beer,
And golf and swim and dance;
We laugh, get married, and play the varied
And sundry games of chance;
And then we creep in bed and sleep,
And dream of sweet romance.

We sleep too light, we sleep too tight,
We sleep with open eyes;
We sleep with dense indifference
To war. We are not wise,
For while we jest, and have our rest,
Another soldier dies.

And so it seems in life and dreams,
We all are sleeping men.
Across the deep, the dead men sleep—
But we sleep too; and when
We twiddle thumbs and turn out crumbs
Of work, we sleep again.

Oh sleeping men, oh sleeping men,
You men who still have life,
Who have not stayed the evil blade
Of famine, fear and strife,
Arise, dull youth! Arise to truth!
Lest you beget the knife!

ODE

To an Airman and His Craft

Upon a ship of war, you rise and soar

Above this low magnetic ground;

In union your motors hum and roar

Protection, staunch, to us earth-bound.

Your wings with fury rend and slash

The clouds in their cool atmosphere;

With daring aim you climb and flash

Toward greater height of blue frontier.

In silhouette on earth's high ceiling,

Your mighty frame is now in flight.

A microscopic bird just stealing beyond the rim of our short sight.

We watch until we see your ship no more

With heart that trail the distant sky;

You dare where man has never fought before

Into the stratosphere you fly!

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JANE MOXON

NEW CAPTAINS

Five men attending The Infantry School's Officers' Advanced Course, and two tactical officers of the Infantry School staff were promoted to the rank of captain, it was announced yesterday. They are: George M. Talbot, Atlanta, Georgia; Francis R. Quammen, Velva, N. Dak.; Fred H. Horlock, Gulfport, Miss.; Frank S. Alexander, Charlotte, N. C.; Robert Harry Liedke, Englewood, Colo.; and William H. Greene, Plant City, Fla.

Brahms made his first concert appearance at the age of 14.

The Bayonet, Thursday, November 11, 1943

Three der direction of Sgt. Al Krosic. Following is the schedule of performances:

Tuesday, Nov. 16—Main Theatre—7:00 and 8:45 p. m.

Wednesday, Nov. 17—Main Theatre—7:00 and 8:45 p. m.

Thursday, Nov. 18—Theatre No. 3—7:30 and 9:15 p. m.

Friday, Nov. 19—Alabama Area Gym—7:00 and 8:45 p. m.

Saturday, Nov. 20—Theatre No. 7—7:30 and 9:15 p. m.

Monday, Nov. 22—Theatre No. 11—7:00 and 8:45 p. m.

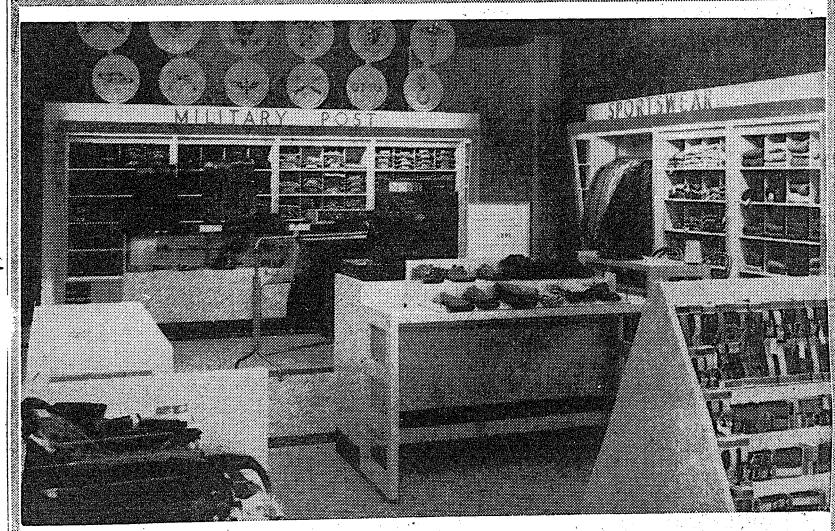
Tuesday, Nov. 23—Theatre No. 4—7:00 and 8:45 p. m.

ALL-AMERICA GEORGIA

"Georgia the All-American State" says a slogan on a local car. Fort Benning is helping out, A check of a barracks, chosen at random, showed 36 States represented in the 48 men living there.

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"This is our first aim that the peoples of Europe must have freedom to choose their own government. We must also see that there is not in the future any chance for aggression by Germans."

—Joseph Stalin.

Dedicated To Benning Alumni The World Over

Today, November 11, 1943, THE BAYONET is marking a dual anniversary—that of the 25th birthday of Fort Benning and that of cessation of hostilities of the First World War.

A quarter of a century ago this day was marked by the glad news that Germany had laid down her arms in the face of the overwhelming might of the Allies; factory whistles and madly tolling church bells provided the turbulent orchestration for the hymn of thanksgiving to Almighty God on high entoned throughout the land that the dogs of war had at long last been muzzled and that Peace had returned.

Now we are engaged in another war and Benning alumni, Infantrymen, subjects of the Queen of Battles, prepared for combat in Fort Benning's great Infantry School; tankmen trained in the dust and mud of Benning's Sand Hill areas; bold and fearless paratroopers who graduated from Benning's magnificent Parachute School; airmen who added to their experience as troopers at Lawson Field, are carrying the fight to the enemy on all of the far-flung battle fronts of the globe. Thousands who are still in training here will soon add their bit to the armed and irresistible might of the United Nations.

To these men THE BAYONET and Fort Benning send their greetings; for the success of our arms in the present we entone again a prayer of thanksgiving; for a glorious victorious conclusion we fervently offer a prayer of supplication; and to our alumni we gratefully dedicate this Silver Anniversary issue commemorating the founding of Fort Benning.

Our Game Is Desperate So Zip Your Lip

Our national existence and our liberty are at stake. They can be preserved only by dependence upon the efficient operation of our military intelligence and our counter-intelligence services.

The first of these jobs involves finding out everything we can about the enemy. We are taking care of that. The second one consists of keeping our enemies from finding out what our plans are. That's harder! That is harder because we make it hard for ourselves. We have not learned yet to keep our mouths shut.

Everyone of us knows some facts that the enemy would like to know. Individual facts may not seem to be important, but if the enemy gets all of these, he can piece them together and have a picture of all our plans and intentions. Regard each of these facts as you would a gun. Do not be placed in the position of saying: "I didn't know it was loaded."

We are playing a desperate game. We are playing it for keeps—with only one currency, human lives, your life and mine!

The enemy has long ears. He's keen on getting information. He stops at nothing to get it. But getting information is something in which—if he makes the effort—you may contribute and help him out. We must avoid this by keeping our mouths shut. If we say nothing, the enemy cannot hear. Let us keep our mouths shut!

Major General Geo. V. Strong.

Great Leaders Come From Great Homes

The Reader's Digest, a while back, told the story of a voter approached by heelers from both parties on his way to the polls. One party offered him seventy-five cents for his vote. The other offered only fifty cents. He pocketed both offers but voted for the fifty cent proposal because it was "less corrupt." Voting for the lesser of two evils has long been the practice of America's political disillusion. In the new world we are fighting for we might aim to be able to vote always for the greater of two goods.

"But good men don't always run," as some reader may protest. Whose fault is that? Responsibility in a democracy is not simply to choose the better of two men but to see that good men offer themselves and, even back of that, to see that men are good.

We try to do this on the cheap by hiring school teachers and ministers to produce good men for us. But it doesn't work that way. School and church seldom undo the prior training of a home. The only way to make sure of a good man in the White House is to make sure of good men in every house—starting with your house and mine.

"But we know nothing about politics," some family may suggest. "How can we train statesmen in our home?" Lincoln's father and foster mother knew nothing about politics. But they did teach him the great truths of the Bible and the simple principle of honesty. Great statesmen learned at home to put their country first and think of themselves last. The moral character of our leaders—even more than the laws they uphold—makes the difference between order and chaos in municipal, state and national affairs.

Every home of character which produces men of character is an incubator for the leadership of our country needs. Even when our own home

is an endorsement by the War Department or its personnel or the product advertised.

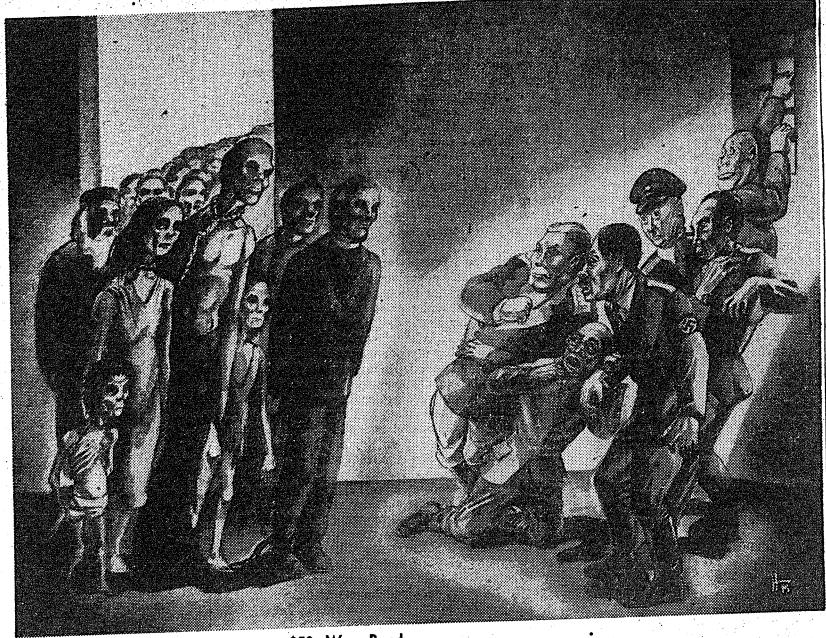
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USO Presents—

FREE PHONE CALLS HOME; TURKEY DAY PARTY, AND ROLLER SKATING

By PFC. S. A. KEITEL

Three free long-distance telephone calls home will be awarded to soldiers every week from the Salvation Army USO's in Columbus and Phenix City. Mrs. Kathleen Barrow and Mrs. Edna Scott, program directors, announced . . . All of Fort Benning is represented in the cage play, and the roster of almost every team includes some well known college basketball stars. . . .

The word is that a "Lucky Seventh" Armor Division GI is quite a fellow at telling fortunes with playing cards . . . Scene of his activities is the Phenix City USO, where 's said he specializes in reading the future of females . . . His name, T-5 Martin Powers of "E" Company, 87th Recon.

Two hundred servicemen are invited to a Thanksgiving Eve party at the Columbus Salvation Army USO . . . Making a reservation beforehand will assure a place at the buffet that night of Nov. 24.

A quick glance at the program of Mr. G. W. Avison, program director at Army-Navy YMCA-USO, reveals there is roller skating on the patio at the club Thursdays from 8 p. m., Sundays from 2 to 5 p. m. and Sunday between 7 and 10 p. m. . . Other highlights besides the stable features include a dance Saturday at 8:30 p. m., Mother's Corner Sunday at 4 p. m. with punch and home-made cake, the Silhouette Hour at the same time Sundays and the recorded program of classical music Mondays at 8 p. m.

The first four teams of the 10 team-leagues will take to the hardwood of Ninth street

Kay Says—

SHE ENCAUTERS GASTRONOMICAL DIFFICULTIES PLEA SING HUBBY

Time was when I could put all meal on the table and feel sure of uncritical participants, when a dish of hash was considered by the man of the house as fine a dish of hash as he had ever put fork to, and when a leg of lamb, offset with a meaty baked potato, was enough to keep a husband contented for a week, in reminiscence.

But that was before my particular male of the species started to sample the gastronomical delights found in various part of the United States. Since then my good, plain cooking—plain, any-how—has met with untold criticism, and I have received innumerable hints as to how it might be improved.

This is doubly aggravating because I've been hewing to the line, trying to get the most of those mysterious vitamins out of the greens and remembering that the most valuable part of the potato is that next to the skin. I have my rules down pat. Two or more servings of leafy green or yellow vegetables, and all the rest of it. Maybe we're getting more healthy, but I must admit it gets a bit uninteresting.

If my husband were also one who abides by the book, all would be well. But alas, I'm cursed with a spouse who has an insatiable desire to experiment, to better the blunt fact and the unanswerable argument. He goes on the same theory as does a southern friend who, when approached on the inadvisability of fried chicken and hot biscuits for breakfast, answered, "It may be dietetically unsound, but gastronomically it's swell." He also goes on the theory that if you eat enough of everything, eventually you're cheese!

To try for a new world without a fresh spirit in its people is like trying to make an omelet with out-dated eggs.

The "new system" we need most is a new nervous system—nerves to do what's right.

Men cannot live without fighting. But when they fight for different things it's war. When they fight for the same thing it's peace.

If we think of peace simply as getting back to the old days and ways, victory won't get us ahead.

Chaplain's



HOLD ON, BILL

Chaplain F. M. Thompson

Years ago while passing along a country road I saw a lad trying to lead a cow up a hill. He had hold of a rope and after much tugging and persuading he almost reached the top, when, to his grief the cow whirled around and rushed pell-mell down to the bottom. A little toddler seated on a stump of a tree jumped up and piped out, "Hold on, Bill, hold on!" This happened three or four times. The lad would succeed in almost reaching the top then the contrary beast would make a break down again. The little fellow always crying "Hold on, Bill, hold on." At last Bill got the cow to the top. Then the little chap waddled over to me and sticking out his chest said, "I'd like to see any darned old cow get the best of me and Bill!"

Many days passed before the philosophy of the incident came to me. But one of the tragedies of life is the frustration of one's hopes and desires—the failure to get the old cow to the top of the hill. We plan on a large scale and the performance is very meager. We think of gold and marble, and build with sticks and mud. The songs we would sing are never written. The good cause we advocate comes to naught. The reforms for which we labor fail. Our highway is littered with broken hopes and unrealized ambitions.

However there are compensations. Some do get the old cow to the top of the hill—some do come to place and honor. What the father could not do for his son accomplishments. The mother's ambition is realized in the airman friend of his that he felt like "the target for tonight!"

On this occasion the promising young officers are allowed to rub elbows with the more refined element of the "higher brass" and thus generally be reeking in opportunity to better themselves.

The scene of this event is the spacious golf links of our fair post. Here the officers and their ladies and the W.A.C. officers and their friends from the Corps of Engineers are mounted on practically all of the Infantry School stable's available nags.

When the "imported Fox" is turned loose near hole one, the gala affair begins. Due to the fact that Colonel Swampwater's dog "Carpenter" had been selected to enact the role of "the fox," General Quagmire had extended a special invitation to my commanding officer to attend the Hunt.

As the afternoon of the Hunt finally arrived, I was accosted in the hall by my leader, when I was returning from lunch. The old boy was attired in an outfit that would have put any peacock to shame. Besides his flaming red coat and leather puttees, he had a fatigue hat of herringbone quill cocked rather precariously on his head. A long white feather stuck out of the hat, reminding me of a radio antenna. There was no sign of rank anywhere on his person.

"Sergeant! he beamed, "This afternoon is going to be an event in your young life. I'm going to let you act as my groom."

"Does that mean I have to get married?" I gulped.

"Of course not!" he retorted. "All you will have to do is attend the Hunt, partake of the refreshments according to rank, act as a sort of valet, and help me on and off my horse."

"It's a deal!" I replied, sensing excitement.

"I had to take the rabbit away from Carpenter, Sergeant! You know how the meat shortage is?"

"Yes, Sir," I answered.

"Well here I go, Sergeant!" he grinned, and with an ambling sort of swagger, he approached the nearest group which consisted of three officers and their ladies.

"Well! Well! Well!" greeted Colonel Swampwater.

Humpf! sneered the party, turning their backs on him and going off in a different direction. The old boy stood there scratching his head for a while. Then he shrugged his shoulders and walked over to General Quagmire's party.

Egad! retorted the General. And the rest of his party sneered and took off. Colonel Swampwater got red in the face, scratched his head, and then went to several more groups. Each time they gave him the cold shoulder and walked off. Meanwhile I learned from one of the other "bulwars" exactly what the trouble was. So when the old boy finally came back over to where I was, I turned up my nose and started to walk off.

"Dammit, Sergeant!" Come back here! I demand to know what I'm being ostracized for!" he bellowed.

"Hey Quagmire, there goes the little leaped son up it!"

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BY BARRY

Those brilliant, spectacular performances before the halves exhibitions excelled by the 176th Infantry Band and Drum and Bugle Corps are conceived and coached by Sgt. Raymond Ariel Cross who prior to his enlistment was drum-major of the Coe College ROTC Military Band and as coach of the Cedar Rapids Drum and Bugle Corps won the Lions International and the highest World Fair awards for his splendid formations.

Sgt. Justin Wagner, the genial "blind date" and Variety Night programs at Service Club No. 2 is leaving for Washington and Lee University in Virginia where the Army's Special Service School is located. He has a lot on the ball and should pick up a few new curves while there.

The 300th Infantry Band has a five piece dance combo that is strictly solid. Book them through their Special Service Office . . . Independently these lads are cooking up something for the boys that should be ready to serve around and about around Xmas time. Watch this column for further info.

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OFF THE RECORD — can't all performers be like Jim and Jane McKenna who appeared with the USO Camp Show "Town Topics?" . . . Gee, they were swell people! . . . Too bad those proposed "Sunday Serenade" programs didn't materialize . . . Bad case of "candidis" layed 'em lower than that even . . . Does anyone know where a G. I. magician can be found? . . . If you please, phone 3311.

Philip Morris Sportsreels may be obtained along with your G.I. Movies to round out your evening film program. Contact the Post Special Service Office for bookings.

looked at him along the ridge of my nose.

"So help me, I'll bust you if you don't explain this situation," he glared.

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Hey Quagmire, there goes the little leaped son up it!"

Motor School Sergeant Furloughs Driving Truck

A Navy swab gets a furlough in a patriotic gesture to help Atlanta City get "way over the top" toward an Academic Regiment motor school sergeant gets a furlough. What do you think? He spends an evening driving a huge half-track gun carrier!

Play, recreation and fun entered the mind of Harry Krosskove, Company H, Infantry School Service Command, as he left Fort Benning recently for the city with its feminine curves, the scene of the famous Boardwalk and beautiful beaches.

He was far removed from the acrid scene of working gasoline and dash toil over a hot and sultry June when he arrived at the resort city, his home town. But not for long—Atlanta City was staging a tremendous Third War Loan drive.

What it lacked, it seemed, was two GIs, soldiers or marines, who had lost their driving licenses. Our sergeant volunteered and was well and quickly accepted.

New Post Office opened.

MARCH 1943

Service Club No. 1 reopens following repairs after fire last November.

Columbus-Phenix City, post officials stage luncheon to mark success in battle against venereal disease and vice.

First WAC (Now WAC) contingent arrives.

Post soars over top in Red Cross fund drive.

513th Parachute Infantry Regiment set up as training regiment for graduates of The Parachute School under command of Lt. Col. Albert H. Moore.

Catholic Mission held on Post.

Second Student Training Regiment beats out Academic Profs for second half basketball title in Ft. Benning Conference, then defeat 55th Engineers, 10th Armored Division, repeaters.

Anthony Eden, General Sir John Dill, General George C. Marshall, tour post.

April 1943

Baseball season opens.

Band at Reception Center authorized to perform basic.

Col. Henry B. Pease, executive officer of The Infantry School, made brigadier general. Soon after is named C. O. of School Troops Brigade.

Captain Ruth Anderson, chief nurse at Station Hospital, made major, one of few in Army Nurse Corps.

Second WAAC unit assigned to duty in the Infantry School.

New cafeteria opens, Wold Ave. and Ingersoll St. to relieve situation in Main Post.

17th Infantry, famous old

sergeant.

The sergeant admits that he "got a big kick out of it" and waved to countless friends during the tour. "That way I saw everybody I knew."

"The half-track was hot because I had to drive it at a slow speed," he said, "but it was worth it."

Sergeant Krosskove is not only doing his bit here at Benning but even on furlough he took time out

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DAILY NEWS SERVICE COMPLETE with maps, charts, and interpretations from the best sources, is available at the recently finished display in Service Club No. 1, which is being examined by Lt. John W. Inzer, post orientation officer. This is part of an intensified program to keep American soldiers well informed on progress of the war and current international affairs. Pointing out the various features of the display to Lt. Inzer is Corp. Barry Sturmer of the post special service office, in charge of the layout. In the foreground is Sgt. Donald B. Johnson of the Reproduction Plant, who designed and constructed the signs and posters. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Virginia regiment, comes to

Academic Department of The Infantry School.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt pays surprise visit, inspects Fort Benning.

May 1943

Pathe completes filming of new Army short "Lieutenant Smith" at The Infantry School.

Twenty-one mothers are honored as guests of Post on Mother's Day.

CBS "Church of the Air" broadcast from Ft. Benning, featuring Chaplain Frederick S. Zeller, A. S. T. P. Basic Training Center, and other activities activated. Col. S. R. Tupper, commander of the Student Training Brigade, named in charge.

High ranking Brazilian officials tour fort.

After 25 years on post, 29th Infantry leaves.

JUNE 1943

Thirty 17th Infantry staged forced march from Atlanta.

Brig. Gen. Robert W. Grown, commander of Combat Force A of 10th Armored Division, leaves for Canada to assume command of 6th Armored Division at Camp Cooke.

First contingent of 12,000 ASTP youths arrive.

Officer Candidate Course lengthened from 13 to 17

Col. Arthur C. Blair assumes command of Second Student Training Regiment, succeeding Col. Edward B. Jackson, who takes command of the Fourth Basic Training Regiment.

WAAC company assigned to La Vie Field, making third for the Post.

Five 12th Infantry enlisted men and an Infantry School officer decorated for heroism in saving lives of a contingent of South American journalists earlier in spring.

An Army Specialized Training Center to handle approximately 6,000 colored troops placed under Lt. Col. (now full Colonel) Ulric N. James, commanding officer of the Colored Reception Center.

Academic Profs sweep series over The Parachute School take over Benning baseball title.

Bill is approved to make WAAC part of Army, goes into effect.

Col. Robert Sharp, commander of First Student Training Regiment, becomes commander of Fifth Regiment, ASTP; Lt. Col. John S. Roosma, commander of Fifth Regiment becomes commander of First Student Training Regiment; Lt. Col. William B. Forre, commander of Sixth Regiment, ASTP, returns to

Academic Department of The Infantry School.

Academic Profs capture first half baseball title of Infantry School league.

Order of Purple Heart awarded to Aux. 1st Class Elsie Fehner Eifel, for her husband, killed in North Africa.

Pathe outdoor refreshment parlor for enlisted men opened in conjunction with Exchange Cafeteria.

Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commanding general of the United States Army Ground force, inspects The Infantry School.

Lieut. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredendall, commanding general of the 2d Army, hero of American landing at Oran, inspects units of 2d Army at Fort Benning.

Jane Russell, halfed by Col. Sgt. Carl Neff as American lover, and Neff, who recently arrived in Columbus to cause hearts of every G. I. to flutter. Bayonet, despite shortage of materials, takes 22 pictures of her, goes completely ga-ga with palpitation. (EN. Note—And we had 122 more.)

The Infantry School activates Sixth Regiment, ASTP. Col. Robert Sharp assumes command.

Six months course as laboratory technicians offered young girls at Unit 2, Station Hospital.

Special Service Office inaugurates new series of G-1 Movies.

First visit of Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank at Post.

Italian Prisoners of War Camp at post.

Lt. Col. Julian B. Lindsey, newly activated 515th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

Five officers, one non-com, killed in crash of an Army Transport plane from Fort Benning near Sase, Va.

First WAAC-soldier wedding celebrated when Corp. Claire Parrot was married to Sgt. Ben Utter by Chaplain Samson Aaron Shain.

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Charles P. Taft, director of Office of Community War Services of the Federal Security Agency, visits the Post.

First S. T. R. "Red Sox" take first-half title in the Service League baseball championship race.

Maj. Gen. H. F. Hazlett, commanding general of the Replacement and School command, visits post.

Lt. Col. I. Mims Gage, chief of surgical service, 24th General Hospital, ordered to Fourth Service Command headquarters, Atlanta, as consultant surgeon for the Service Command.

General Hon. Honore Giraud, commanding general of the French armies in North Africa, pays surprise visit to Fort.

A Fort Benning soldier was killed, two others recuperated, one injured seriously when the trio made a frantic attempt to escape from the stockade where they were confined.

Chaplain Robert G. Alexander, San Saba, Tex., named regimental chaplain of the Fifth Training Regiment, ASTP.

Five officers of The Infantry School are made full colonels:

Vincent S. Burton, commanding officer, Second Student Training Regiment; Paul Cooper, executive officer, the Tactical Section; Col. Harry D. McHugh, group chief, Training of Infantry Soldier; Edward P. B. McConnell, commanding officer, first battalion, Third Student Training Regiment; John S. Roosma, commanding officer, First Student Training Regiment.

All-dial telephone system

installed on Post.

The Second Student Training Regiment inactivation announced for August 1.

Orders were received for retirement of six high ranking officers under the age limit. Brig. Gen. Walter S. Fulton, commanding general of Fort Benning, is one. Others are Col. Stephen Massey, director of supply; Col. Reginald Keller, reclassification officer; Col. Albert J. Bain, post engineer; Lt. Col. H. D. Menendahl, sub-district commander, and Capt. Walter Cook, supply detachment.

"Limited Service status of soldiers is ordered accomplished by War Department order.

300th Infantry gets reactivation.

Brig. J. P. Archambault and Brig. G. E. McQuag, co-chairmen of the official selection committee, appointed board of the Canadian paratroopers, visit The Infantry School.

Post mess launches drive on food waste, seeking to cut down waste of edible food to 8 ounces per man per day.

Col. C. H. Coursey, director of Officer Candidates of the Infantry School for last 10 months, appointed to G-1 Division of the War Department in Washington.

AUGUST 1943

New branch post office opened in Parachute School area.

Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonestell, former commanding general of U. S. Troops in Iceland, inspects Fort Benning.

Third Student Training Regiment dedicates new amphitheater.

Maj. Gen. Leaven C. Allen, commanding general of the Fourth Service Command, announces that 68,307

men, still serving in the United States, have been graduated during past 19 months from officers and enlisted men's schools.

The recently activated 5th Training Regiment of the ASTP

is planning to receive group of

2,250 ROTC cadets.

Col. Edward G. Clinton, nationally known restaurant man, assistant mess officer at Fort Benning, leaves to direct Citizens Food Conservation program from Washington.

Gridiron practice starts as baseball still has snow.

Col. Thomas W. Doyle, one of last officers to leave Bataan, technical director of war film "So Proudly We Hail," joins The Infantry School.

Nursery school established on Post to release mothers for various phases of war work.

Service Club No. 7 opened in the Annex area for paratroopers.

Largest graduating class in history of Parachute School receive wings.

Seventh Armored Division comes into Salt Hill area to

replace 10th Armored. New division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Lindsay McDonald Sylvester, just finished several youths training in depths of West Coast desert training center. Brig. Gen. John B. Murphy is leader of Command Company "A" and Brig. Gen. John B. Thompson commands Combat Command "B."

Lt. Col. John R. Weaver now of The Infantry School, awarded Silver Star for gallantry in action in North Africa.

Alice Marble, tennis star, stages exhibition match with Mary Hardwick at Officers Club tennis courts.

Col. R. M. Rooks, commandant of Officers and Cooks School, named to act as assistant chief of co-ordination of activities for the distribution and conservation of food in Fourth Service Command.

Col. Albert La Bel, head of French military mission to the United States, visits French officers and aspirants in training here.

During past fiscal year, almost

a million dollars saved through reclamation and salvage shops at Fort Benning.

Pvt. Albert W. Kissell found guilty and death sentence imposed by a general court-martial in connection with murder of his

tration of Army Post Office here, transferred to New Orleans.

First colored company of WACs arrive.

Swimming and diving champion ship meet held in Russ Pool.

Lt. Col. William C. Ryden, one of original officers of the Parachute Battalion, at start of parachute training, later participant in African and Sicilian campaigns, returns to head 542nd Parachute Infantry.

Lieut. Col. James C. Hite, 28, commanding officer of the 513th Parachute Infantry, killed in a routine jumping accident.

Col. Wilson McSpan named commanding officer of the ASTP Basic Training Center.

More than 100 WACs awarded ribbons for service while the Corps was still in existence.

War Department removes wraps from "Barzooka," deadly anti-tank weapon, and pictures also permitted of anti-tank rifle grenades. Movie cameras record pictures of deadly weapons at Hickman range.

Italian prisoners of War celebrate capitulation of Italy with Te Deum mass.

176th Infantry Spirits climax second half baseball season by defeating Academic Profs in Ft. Benning's own "world series" to capture 1943 crown.

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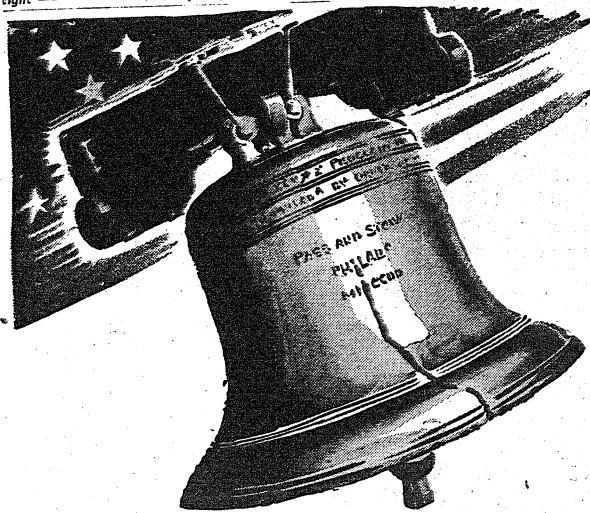
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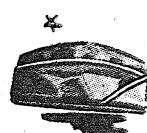


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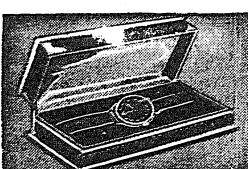


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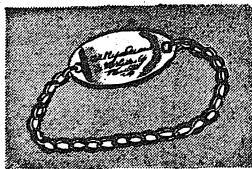


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'New Order' Effected At Post's Motor Pool

Revitalized and efficiently organized in the pool, as well as the civilian mechanics are all colored and are put strictly "on the ball." That describes the Post Motor Pool as it now operates. Amedeo Vinciguerra, Pool director and conductor, has paid special tribute for their fine spirit and cooperation with him in making the place gain the enviable reputation that it now holds. Lt. Col. Charles Carlton, assistant chief of the Ordnance Branch, and Lt. Col. Charles Carlton, director of the Post Motor Pool, are the heads of the department which uses the service.

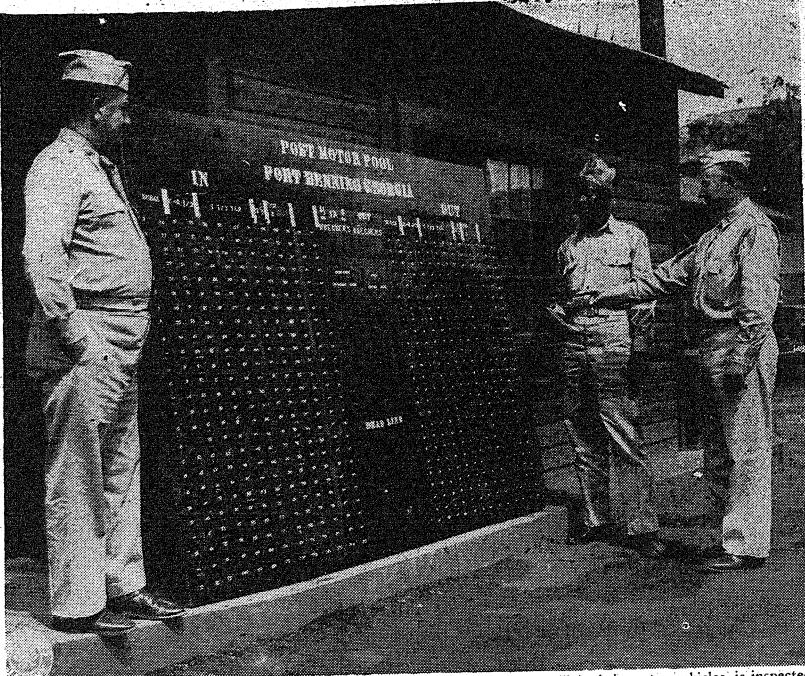
Many changes in organization and physical equipment has brought this out, with little initial cost and much saving in manpower and overhead, it is pointed out.

Careful marking of the drive-ways, and the definite system of vehicles, together with carefully planned arrangement of equipment has brought order from a hit-or-miss system employed for some time in the past, drivers state. They are conscientious in the marking of vehicles, enforcing the rules and regulations posted in the pool, without exception to those favored with rank, and say that it adds much to the efficiency of the whole place. Climaxing the changes for the betterment of operations on the whole place, however, was the installation of the new dispatching board at the entrance dispatching board at the entrance.

Non-commissioned officers, drivers, and other enlisted personnel were conducting a service station

KNOWS JOB

Amedeo Vinciguerra, according to Colonel Carlton, was picked to do this job here because of his record in civilian life and in his army showing on the same kind of a job at Camp Rucker, Ga. The records show that Lt. Col. Carlton, a lieutenant



MODERN, EFFICIENT DISPATCH BOARD, used by the Post Motor Pool in handling their motor vehicles, is inspected by Lt. Col. Charles Carlton, assistant chief of the Ordnance Branch and in charge of motor pools. First Lieutenant Armando Vinciguerra, director of the Post Pool, orders a change made by Dispatcher Derrett Rawls, as a vehicle starts out of the pool for service. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo)

Communications Adopt Two A-Day Schedule

Welcome to The Infantry School by Col. Bernard A. Byrne, chief of the Communication Section. Lt. Col. William E. Zeller, Fourth Battalion commander, and Capt. Charles E. Farmer, commander of the 24th Company, First Student Training Regiment, the latest enlisted radio class took off to a flying start. It turned out to be blind flying, but when the future radio operators specialise, it turned out of warm bunks long before dawn and marched to their "swing shift" 0545 to 0845—classes.

Colonel Byrne explained the necessity for "two-a-day" schedule in response to an urgent need for radio operators in combat. The Infantry School is now turning out the best radio men on a mass production basis.

With a maze of vari-colored shoulder patches and the interesting collection of regimental insignia adorning their uniforms, the "eagles beavers" showed themselves in a section of our expanded Army. Campaign ribbons were in abundance, many with the familiar star earned in combat. While the Infantry claims most of the class, Field Artillery, SFC Trout, and Prison Officers were represented, all ready, willing and eager to delve into the mysteries of walky-talkies and wire nets.

"A likely looking group," agreed both company officers and instructors. "These doughboys will soon help win battles on the waves."

It takes hard work to produce food, the Extension service asserts. There is no other way.

Seventy-five percent of the country's food production for this year has been allocated for civilian use.

and a new car agency when he joined the New Jersey National Guard in 1938. He just couldn't keep out, he said, because the new war was coming, and he had spent 14 months overseas in the 83rd Division at Camp Wadsworth.

of his previous service and his knowledge he soon became a sergeant, and later a first sergeant in the Field Artillery, 44th Division.

The new war came on in earnest after Pearl Harbor.

He was very much needed.

Sergeant Vinciguerra was not only

trained in motor transit, motor mechanics, and motor vehicle

executive things, but knew the army language and quickly got an armful of it.

This placed him in line as an expert.

He was commissioned a first lieutenant and sent to the Army Graduate Specialist's School of Motor Transport at Baltimore, Maryland, from which he graduated, and was sent to Camp Rucker.

Both Colonel Carlton and Lieu-

tenant Vinciguerra agree that another factor in the setup should not be overlooked in the credit for the splendid job done by the pool, and that is the office force.

The female civilian women, headed by Mrs. Margaret Hensberger, and including Mrs. Evelyn K. Brizendine, Mrs. Beatrice Super, and Miss Marie Daniels; two civilian men, Mr. Howard L. Johnson and G. Z. Aldridge, the inspector, Warren Walker, and the shop foreman, C. C. Kay, with the officers, make up the only white personnel in the 210 men connected with the pool organization.

Whereas the Lieutenant general

that the last man was doing his

part to keep the pool up to the

new standard set, he felt that

special mention should be made of

certain key leaders among the colored personnel. Included in this group are: Sgt. S. C. Jones, Staff Sgt. E. L. Colbert, section leader; Staff Sgt. E. L. Colbert, section leader; Staff Sgt. Booker T. Cole, section leader; Staff Sgt. John Goodwin, Jr., inspection department; Cpl. S. S. Jackson, chief dispatcher; Pvt. Robert E. Payne, chief dispatcher, and Sgt. Derrett Rawls, gas tank.

Post's Inspector General Is Fact-Finding Agent for Army

Most Modern Methods Employed In Post School

Officials Knew Hit and Miss Plan For Real Efficiency

Fourteen teachers, under the supervision of Principal Annie Lou Grimes, are handling the 300 children in the Fort Benning Children's School fall.

Attendance is down about 100 pupils from last year due to the present position and went to Washington to get training under Maj. General Virgil L. Peterson. He returned about three months ago and is writing history in efficiency in this all-important assignment in Fort Benning.

The Colonel is a veteran of World War I and came into the service in the war in January

of 1918, reporting to Camp Shelby, then to Benning for advanced

training. In 1942 he returned from Atlanta to Benning as Police and Prison Officer. In April of this year he was appointed to the present position and went to Washington to get training under Maj. General Virgil L. Peterson.

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This school was established in 1922 with three teachers and 60

children, but many of the children of that time were heirs to great names that flash across the world now as the fathers of other famous sons. American armies of this global war. The children

also have grown to leaders in

their own right, such as Major Joseph Wells Moore, and seventh grade, Miss Lillian Wells. Manual training, Master Sgt. Russell B. Wall (retired); domestic sciences, Mrs. B. A. Hart, Mrs. E. R. Raley, T-4 E. G. Young has charge of the grounds and buildings, with colored help, while Cpl. Lois Matthesen (WAC) is in charge of the school bus transportation.

These men and the women

who were little girls then, all re-

member Miss Grimes and fre-

quently visit her on their return

to Fort Benning for the many

reasons that military men come

to the post and bring their wives

INSTITUTIONAL PLANT

In this modern school is mod-

ern equipment which includes such

as visual and auditory edu-

cation. The new school audi-

torium is used for assemblies to put

these devices of light and sound

into effect. The building itself

is very modern, with eight class-

rooms, a manual training shop,

domestic science rooms, an art room,

and the auditorium. Teachers and their

assistants this year include:

Kindergarten, 4 years old, Miss

Virginia Jones; 5 years old, Miss

Mary Nell Porter.

First grade, Miss Margaret Ell-

lison; second grade, and music, Miss

Emily Stephenson; second, and

third grade, Mrs. J. W. Matthews;

third grade, Miss Susan Colquitt;

fourth grade, Mrs. Bess Lockhart;

Long Distance Calls Are Sure Index To Pay Day At Benning

You could almost tell when the paymaster pays off by keeping your eye on the public telephones at Fort Benning. This usually brings a rush for the telephone to call Mom, the girl friend, or the wife.

And when the rush is heavy, there is usually delay in getting calls placed or getting them completed, or probably both.

As camp telephone manager, L. A. Wood points out the

telephone lines and switch-

boards are crowded even during a normal wartime day, but when there is anything extra like a pay day rush, they really have a load to carry. When too many calls are made at the same time, some must wait.

The telephone company cannot build enough lines to handle all calls presto, like before the war, because the raw materials they would be using are going to war.

But we can help a little by suggesting a few tips:

Avoid the busy evening rush periods from 7 to 10 o'clock; and before you talk, plan what you want to say—it will help you be brief and make the lines available for the next call.



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Post Director of Training Has Dawn to Dawn Task

While the argument between the "chairborne command" and the line soldier rages, Lt. Col. Clarence A. Will, director of training on the staff of Col. William H. Hobson, post commander, prepares plans and policies for and supervises the training of all elements of the Station Complement to make those troops as good as any.

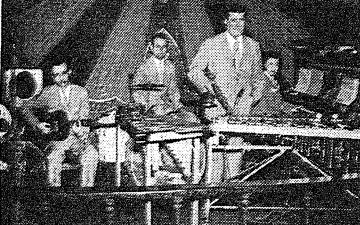
In addition to supervising the training of Fourth Service Command outfits, Col. Will is also charged with the same duty for tactical units assigned to the service command here at the post for training. These troops are Army Service Forces units and include medical, quartermaster, ordnance, military police, and Army postal organizations.

The director of the training division, or "DOD," maintains records of the status of training of all units both soldier and WAC, under the control of the post commander. Organizations submit training schedules to his office for approval and arrangements are made for training in Atlanta, Ga. Col. Will is assisted in this paper work by his secretary, Miss Christine Stewart.

The colonel's work also calls for

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IN ONE OF HIS VARIOUS DUTIES, Lt. Col. C. A. Will is shown above functioning as range officer on Simpson pistol range where more than 30 officers in the Fourth Service Command fired for record.

fired the Army pistol for record, and last spring Station Complement troops including men from D. R. C. and the First Student Unit qualified with the rifle. Training ammunition is estimated and allotted by Col. Will.

Frequently ASF units stationed in Atlanta, where there are not adequate range facilities, come to Fort Benning for their training in the use of Army rifles. Station units fire on the rifle pistol, anti-aircraft, moving target and machine gun ranges and qualify on the instruction course.

On the latter course officer and enlisted personnel are given mental conditioning under simulated battle training. Machine guns spray bullets little more than three feet above the ground, and soldiers crawl beneath this and between exploding dynamite charges and bomb craters to their objective.

A group of nurses from Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta was put through the course recently. More than 3,000 officers and enlisted personnel have qualified on the course, under the supervision of Col. Will.

BUSY DAY—This day is obviously quite a busy one, but director of training at Fort Benning is not Col. Will's only job. He is also permanent field officer of the day, charged with securing troops for the Main Guard and seeing that the guard fulfill its duty. He is seen at guard mount every morning at 9 o'clock.

The colonel's energies are also directed toward the drive for the collection of vital scrap metals, including iron, steel, aluminum, gathered from all over Fort Benning. Col. Will is proud, however, of his discovery of the "Benning iron mine," an old dumping

1st STR Unit Claims Food Waste Record

Capt. Arthur L. Anderson, post food and nutrition officer, proudly announced that the Second Company of the First Student Training Regiment had set a record in food waste of all officers messes in the United States. This company, which feeds 196 officers, had 23 pounds edible waste per man, which is one of the lowest percentages ever attained by any officers mess in the United States Army.

This record was outstanding in view of the fact that it was a spot-check and not one for which everybody was prepared. In addition to that first record, a nutritional value of this company proved to have food quality far surpassing Army standards. This "good-food intake" showed that the men were very well fed considering the fact that they had thrown away such a small percentage of food.

Capt. Anderson said in his report, "Food preparation in the company was excellent during the period of the survey. The mess sergeant is a capable manager and the cooks are extremely skillful in the preparation of palatable dishes. They are so considerate in their work as a consequence, the meals are attractive and tasty. The kitchen and mess halls are clean, orderly and attractive."

Fite Fights Slithering Snake Storming Sleeve

Candidate Kelly V. Fite of the Seventh Company, Third Student Training Regiment, had something up his sleeve. It was the map reading problem and the hour was 2300. The night was dark and silent, and the woods were disturbed only by an occasional snapping of a twig under the foot of some cautious candidate.

Suddenly there was a sharp utterance of surprise and amazement. Fite began dancing and stripping off his clothes. In dead silence the other two candidates watched for a few seconds and then began trying to ascertain their fellow-candidate's difficulty. But all in vain—he kept stripping.

Finally there was a sigh of relief—an emphatic, real one. The candidate sat down on the ground, underwear half on, half off. Then the truth came out. As Fite had reached for a long branch to pull himself out of a small ditch, a snake had snared up his sleeve. The unusual action had been satisfactorily accounted for. The trio moved off on their azimuth.

QUEER PROMOTED

The promotion of Harry E. Queer from second lieutenant to first lieutenant was announced here recently by Col. Henry J. Hunt, Jr., commanding officer of the 30th Infantry Regiment, in which Lieutenant Queer is serving as platoon leader of Co. H.

place near the post incinerator from which 471 tons of metal were extracted. Three and three-quarter tons of this were found to be old copper, brass and aluminum, much of which had to be sluice-mined.

The Red Cross water safety classes conducted last summer were part of the plan and training work of Col. Will. In these classes men were taught to swim with a full field pack; to swim through burning oil floated on top of water; how to inflate boats bags; how to start and stop for buoyancy, and many other bits of information on water safety which may mean the difference between life and death.

And so the world of transforming men and women from all walks of life into good soldiers and WACs goes on. This is the mission of the training division—to prepare plans and policies for, and to supervise the training of, all elements of the Station Complement and also for the tactical training of the Service Command for supervision of training.

'Human Slide Rule' Baffles Mates With Numbers Tricks

Mathematics, the nemesis of many newly-arrived candidates, seems to have met a master at Fort Benning in the person of Candidate Aubrey M. Kemper of the 14th company, Third Student Training regiment of the Infantry school. A personified combination of slide-rule and adding machine, Kemper has bewildered his buddies with the art of black magic in figures beyond the realm of cadence count since his arrival at The Infantry School.

Local classification experts have likewise scratched their heads in amazement at the results of Kemper's two meetings with the Army General Classification test. At his reception center and at the latest Infantry school test, Kemper answered every question. To prove the first success was not a hit-or-miss affair, Kemper finished the second with five minutes to

the local educational system. He is a graduate of Jersey City Teachers' college and holds an M.A. in education administration from Columbia university. His spare moments he devoted to organizing boys clubs in Jersey City and Raritan, N. J.

Kemper is modest in his ex-

planations of his grasp of sub-

jects. He is beamed so often by his friends. He would rather talk of his work as basketball coach of his boys' club.

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And stay on your feet.

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On your blanketly seat!

The oil of the castor bean is used as a binder for incendiary bombs, according to the Georgia agricultural extension service.

First pre-Pearl Harbor father facing the draft is Al Zarilla, St. Louis Browns outfielder recently classified 1A by his Los Angeles

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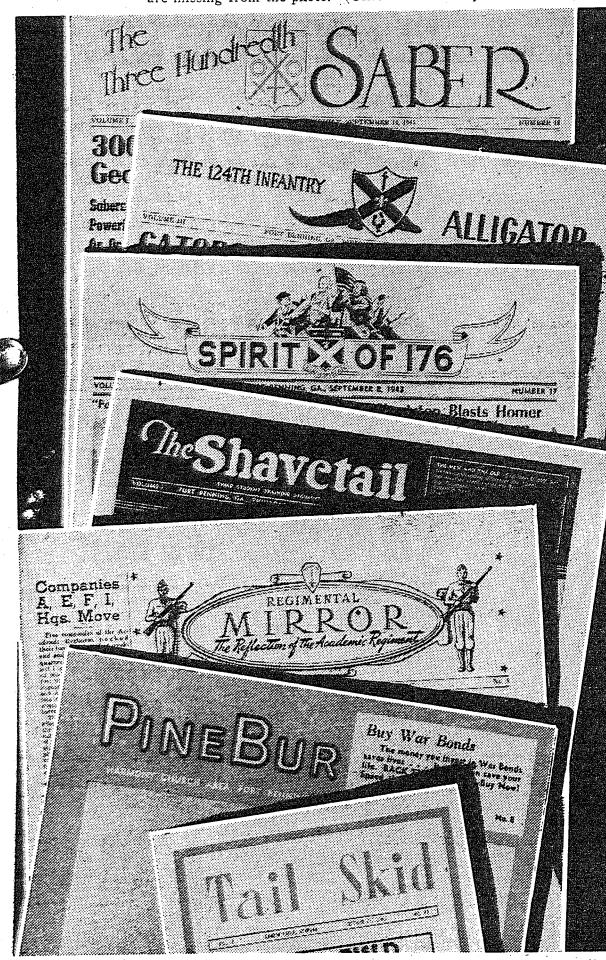
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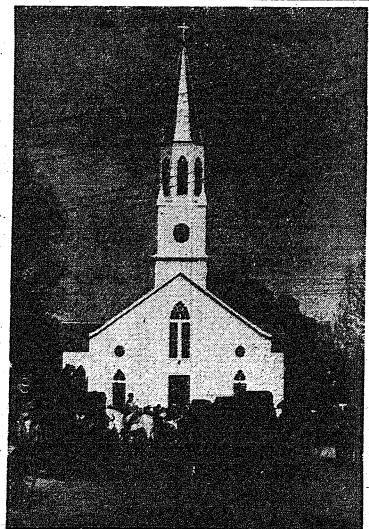
HERE'S A ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION among editors of regimental newspapers and representatives of Public Relations Units, all members of the Fort Benning Press Association. It's a typical meeting of enlisted men who get together to discuss their problems, exchange ideas and negotiate working agreements. Left to right around the table are Sgt. Charles W. Voorhis of The Infantry School Public Relations Office; Pfc. S. A. Keitel, representing the Post Public Relations Office and the BAYONET, weekly newspaper for the entire Post of Fort Benning; Sgt. John Naylor, President of the PBPA and editor of the PINE BUR, paper for the ASTP Basic Training Center; Cpl. John Fitzgibbons, editor of the 300th SABER; S. Sgt. N. A. Rankow, sports editor of the PINE BUR and Pfc. Alton Shapiro, representing the 176th SPIRIT. Representatives of the REGIMENTAL MIRROR, 124th ALLIGATOR, THE SHAVETAIL and TAILSKID are missing from the photo. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)



The following churches of Columbus extend greetings to Fort Benning and cordially invite the men of the Service to worship in the church of their choice whenever they are in Columbus.

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Fort Benning Press Association Coordinates Coverage of Entire Post

Papers Exchange News, Engravings; Regular Meets Feature Idea Trading

Almost a year ago, when it was recalled that there were five Regimental weeklies published at Ft. Benning, it was decided that it would definitely be in the interest of all these papers if some plan for closer co-operation might be worked out. With this in mind, a meeting of the papers then being published on the "World's Most Complete Army Post" was called. The Benning Inter-Regiment Press Association was formed.

Because Benning is a large post, and the various commands and activities were remotely located one from the other, meetings were held at irregular intervals. However, the degree of cooperation hoped for was achieved. An exchange of stories and art and photographic material was arranged, and a paper originating the work followed the initials BIRPA. The only other single outstanding accomplishment of the original association was the joint sponsorship of a cartoon and art show featuring the best work of soldiers, artists appearing as regular guests and other members. More than 100 items were collected for the show, which toured sections of the Post for about six weeks.

But the Benning Intra-Regiment Press Association was not quite the answer to the ever present problem of more and better coverage of the entire Ft. Benning weeklies. For one thing, many of the original member commands were transferred out. For another thing, the all-post weekly, the "Ft. Benning Bayonet" was not included in the membership because it was not an original. It was felt that the "Bayonet" should definitely be a part of the association because all commands on the Post were expected to contribute to the all-Post weekly. Then too, there were number of new papers cropping up at Ft. Benning that had never been members.

NEW BODY FORMED
Although the old association was a free for all, operating without benefit of officers, Sgt. John Naylor, editor of the Pine-BUR, was asked to call a special meeting of all Ft. Benning weeklies for the purpose of forming a new association. This meeting was called in July of this year. Invited beside the enlisted men—the Press Association was and still is entirely made up of Ems, although Special Service Officers are invited to attend meetings to "listen in"—were the members of the General Course and Infantry School, photographers, special service and public relations enlisted personnel of both the Post proper and the Infantry School, Post Athletic Office personnel, and any others who might conceivably have business to do with Ft. Benning weeklies.

A new association was formed

called the Fort Benning Press Association (PBPA). The eight Benning newspapers and other units became part and committed

there are some 50 odd enlisted men now carrying Fort Benning Press Association press cards.

A charter was drawn up to outline the scope and purpose of the new association. Officers were elected with Sgt. Naylor picked to head the organization and Cpl. John Fitzgibbons of the 300th Infantry selected as appointed secretary.

It was decided that meetings should be held every third week on the Main Post—the most central point for all units station

lines into brief stories and saw

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Hands of Magic Fashion Delicate Surgical Tools

Hospital Technician Learned His Art In His Native Poland

Practicing a trade which is virtually a lost art in America, Technician Fourth Grade Charles Atkin uses hands of seeming magic to make delicate and almost unobtainable surgical instruments for doctors at the Station Hospital at Fort Benning.

Using a skill which he learned in his native Poland and practiced in Palestine, Sergeant Atkin takes old discarded files and from them makes gouges, chisels and osteotomes—delicate instruments used by orthopedists—as good or better than those made commercially by the finest Swedish steel.

Sergeant Atkin, a member of the Medical Detachment of the Hospital, and works in the Utilities shop there, learned his trade in his native Bielsztowice, W. Poland, after three years in a trade school, and left for Palestine in 1933 seeking greater opportunities. He came to this country in 1935, and became a naturalized citizen a little over a year ago.

In Europe, his work is called the locksmith trade, but has a far wider meaning that the specialized trade of a locksmith in this country. An artisan's work by hand would probably be called that of a tool maker in this country, with the difference that each tool is an individual work of art and not a result of mass production.

Although a worker in the Utilities shop where he does all sorts of work for the hospital, he specializes in metal work. A little over a year ago, a "dentist's office on wheels," which he built for the dental office at the hospital, also to help patients coming to the dental clinic to whom he rendered national publicity, not only in newspapers, but in "Popular Mechanics" magazine as well. A compact cart equipped like a modern dentist's office, the cart has an electric drill, straight sterilized air spray, two spray bottles, a lamp, with plenty of room left for use as a work table.

The interior contains compartments and drawers to hold all necessary instruments and supplies, such as a box for fillings, and clean linens. The cabinet is made of wood, Masonite and annealed iron, and is still in use by the dental department.

PROUD POSSESSION

One of the proudest possessions of Major Roy Ciccone, chief of the dental clinic at the Station Hospital, is a group of 12 surgical instruments of various sizes and shapes, each an individual work of art. Perfectly balanced, smooth and thin, they are as exacting as any surgical instruments used for grafts, surgery, reconstruction of joints, shaping of bones, and doing away with splints or bone tumors.

According to Major Ciccone, these gouges, chisels and osteotomes are almost impossible to obtain, while the ones made by Sergeant Atkin are the equal of creating things by a vir-



MANY NEW ARRIVALS at Fort Benning are intrigued by the stone monument standing to the rear of the Infantry School building which is dedicated to "Calculator", a non-descript cur that wormed his way into the hearts and affection of many officers and enlisted men at the post. Shown above is Captain Janet Nash of Chicago, Ill., commanding officer of the WAC Detachment, Infantry School, Main Post, admiring the stope. The inscription reads: "Calculator, Born? Died Aug. 29, 1923; He made better dogs of us all." (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo)

Monument Behind TIS Building Pays Tribute to Dog's Memory

Many new arrivals at Fort Benning have their curiosities aroused by a stone monument bearing a bronze plaque dedicating the shaft to "Calculator." The monument stands on the lawn just to the rear of the Infantry School building, across from the Officers' Club.

Calculator, so named because he put down three and carried one (leg) when he trotted after soldiers at Fort Benning, invaded the reservation with his game leg back in 1924. He wandered about the post, decided he liked it, and would know that he had come to stay.

Rapidly he made friends with soldier buddies, and he became to be with them in camp and out. When the day's work was done, he would accompany the soldiers to town for a taste of the bright lights. And he would stay until the last man had left for the post.

Calculator was a smart pup.

He would bum around town with the enlisted men, but when curfew time approached

he would hot-foot it on three cylinders to a well-known hotel to catch a ride back to Benning with a colonel or a captain, having found a private auto more comfortable for a lame hound.

When Calculator died, the entire garrison mourned and contributed to a fund for the monument to his memory. The monument also stands as a tribute to man's best friend, the Dog.

3rd STR OC Breeds Dog Show Winners

How he does it, work and drill-burdened fellow candidates of the Seventh Company, Third Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, don't comprehend, but somehow, OC Erie J. Ferguson finds time to care for two dogs and to display winning canines in regional dog shows.

A former accountant in Detroit, Ferguson training sporting dogs for six years prior to entering the Army and an English setter and a German shepherd. Problems stopped 15 firsts in 18 showings in Detroit, Toledo, and Cleveland. Last spring he put 10 dogs through their paces for other owners at the Columbus Field Trial Association exhibition and earned eight firsts and two seconds.

At the present time, Ferguson has two dogs quartered in Columbus kennels.

FORT-

Continued From Page 12 that they were distributed to all members of the association publishing weeklies. All weeklies in order to expedite the exchange of news filed carbon copies of their stories with Cpl. Vorhees. However, the right to indicate a release date on stories was recognized. The newsletter, in consolidating its exchange lists, has come to the conclusion that it is better to exchange with boastful precision, serving exactly the purpose for which it was set up. Contact is made either direct or through efficient Ft. Benning message centers.

With the critical shortage of photographic materials facing all Benning papers and publications, the matter of conservation of film supplies was next tackled. Both the Signal Corps unit stationed on the Post and The Infantry School Reproduction Plant had been making prints for Benning papers with a few papers having their own independent photographic set-ups. Again it was decided to clear all photographic orders through a central office, and when this was done it was decided that the type of routine shots would become taboo. As an example, no routine parades no wreath a "photographic study."

No longer will weddings be classed as Public Relations subjects unless certain circumstances make them of particular news value and other everyday subjects are marked by bounds. Further than this Association members were advised to plan their pictorial work in such a fashion that Post photographs could cover the assignment with the greatest dispatch.

And as a final clincher, it was decided that under no circumstances would extra copies of official publications be provided for reproduction in the picture unless provisions were made to replace the critical material used to make the prints. The result—a greater reduction in the use of Fort Benning photographs for publication, for purposes not essential to producing a good Public Relations and Special Service job.

MAN-POWER CONSERVED

Next tackled was the matter of conserving man-power and time in the handling of routine details necessary with the distribution of Fort Benning papers. Worked out

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is a plan to handle all exchanges of Fort Benning weeklies from a central point. All weeklies designated for exchange will be collected at this point, placed under one cover, and mailed out to exchanging papers. The Fort Benning Press Association, in consolidating its exchange lists, has come to the conclusion that it is better to stand together behind such large projects as the Third War Bond Drive, the collection of Blood Plasma by the Red Cross, the support given to a local (Columbus) Red Cross Fund, etc. Speakers and organizers behind these drives are selected to attend the meetings of the Association to present their views to the members and to solicit their support.

Naturally, all this business can not be taken care of at the regular meetings so committees are formed for the Association. They do act, and when they report to the meetings their plans are expected to be complete in detail. The members are asked to give a vote of approval to the findings of these committees. Plans once approved are put into immediate action.

Present membership in the Fort Benning Press Association includes "The Benning Bayonet," "The Shavetail," "The Mirror," "The Saber," "The Trail Skier," and "The Pine-Buzz." These are the Fort Benning weeklies, but in addition to these other members include the enlisted personnel of U. S. Army Signal Corps Labor Detachments (Photographers), and the Infantry School's Production Plant (Photographers), Public Relations Office, The Infantry School, Public Relations Office and Special Service Office, Post Headquarters, and the Athletic Department.

Then there are a large number of other projects being entertained by the Association. Another cartoon show is in the offing. Art shows and photography exhibits are being scheduled to display the work of Fort Benning personnel. But principally of interest is the "Shoe Drive" which is to stand together behind such large projects as the Third War Bond Drive, the collection of Blood Plasma by the Red Cross, the support given to a local (Columbus) Red Cross Fund, etc. Speakers and organizers behind these drives are selected to attend the meetings of the Association to present their views to the members and to solicit their support.

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Building young minds and bodies, Fort Benning Boys' Activities is under the direction of Lt. Col. Virgil Ney, Infantry School instructor, and offers citizen-making and recreations to sons of officers and non-commissioned officers who reside on the Army reservation.

Boys' activities at Fort Benning embrace many fields. There are the Boy Scout troops, the Cub Scout pack, the Air Scout Squadron, the Ranger Battalion and the Boys' Activities Athletic Association. The latter activity provides other sports and recreation and include the Feeps and Gremlins football teams, swimming classes and baseball and basketball games.

Air Scout Squadron No. 1 is for boys from 12 to 16 years old and offers pilot training, construction and leadership by Air Corps officers from Lawson Field. During a recent scrap drive, the Air Scout squadron received national recognition in the scouting magazine, according to Col. Ney.

VARIED ACTIVITIES
Boy Scout Troop No. 11 is dismounted and has a membership



BOYS OF FORT BENNING are always on the job when there is work to be done. During the recent observance of National Fire Prevention Week, Boy Scouts of Troop No. 11 and Cub Scouts of Pack No. 1 assisted Fire Chief Joseph L. Hogan in the distribution of fire prevention literature to homes on the Main Post. In the above picture Don Ruff, a Cub Scout, hands one of the pamphlets to Mrs. Eleanor Schaeertel, wife of Chaplain Elmer G. Schaeertel, at their home in Fort Benning's Block 23. Helping young Ruff cover the territory were Douglas Peters (second from right) and Jerry Holmes. Boys' activities are under the direction of Lt. Col. Virgil Ney, Infantry School instructor. (Official U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Globe-Trotting G. I. Served In Army, Navy

Soldier, sailor, world traveler, and officer candidate is a short and incomplete description of Candidate Charles H. Binns, Student of the Third Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School for the past year. From 1938 until 1940 he served as a sergeant in the Tank Company, 40th Division, California National Guard.

Binns states that about 50 officers and men of this outfit who were his personal friends are now prisoners of war. He is anxious to return to the U. S. and to an ill will cruise. So anxious in fact, was he that in March, 1943, he volunteered for induction as a VOC. When he entered the Army he chose the Infantry, the same branch he had chosen in CMT, this time to the Coast Artillery. Soon thereafter, he was seized with the wanderlust, and joined the Navy, went away to sea in 1932.

His first year with his services was spent with the Pacific Fleet. In 1933 he was transferred to a destroyer in the Asiatic Fleet and stationed at Manilla, P. I. The flag ship of the squadron was the USS John Paul Jones. In 1934 Binns served for a time and which later became famous as the savior of an aircraft carrier from a Jap torpedo.

CRUISE TO CHINA

The following year his travels really began with a cruise to China. Throughout the entire summer the fleet was operating along the coast of China and Shantung. In those days liberties were more than just a sailor's pipe dream and Sailor Binns found time to visit the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, and a great many resorts from Pekin to Tienan.

One of the most ticklish incidents of his life occurred one morning when the entire Asiatic Fleet anchored in the inner harbor of Cheefoo, China. Early in the morning the fog lifted to disclose the startling fact that the Seventh Imperial Fleet of Japan had anchored across the outer harbor during the night, thus cutting the U. S. fleet off from the open sea with a force that outnumbered them five to one. Although Japan was not then the menace it was later to become, Binns recalls several anxious hours before it became clear that for once Japanese planes were peaceful.

In 1935 Binns went on a "solid wood" cruise to Japan, visiting Yokohama, Toko, Nagasaki, and Kobe. During this time he visited the "sacred" Mt. Fujiyama, a Jap opera, and many amusement centers. One of these visits was made in the company of a Jap marine and a Jap sailor, whom Binns recalls as being very friendly in the matter of money, a fact that is no surprise at all. He also visited in Japanese homes on several occasions.

After Japan came the Philippines. This cruise took Binns to Corregidor, Manila, Batangas, and the islands across the equator to some of the lesser islands, and at one time to Colon.

Binns was discharged from the Navy in 1936, after having returned to this country via Guam, Midway, Wake and Honolulu. He

1st STR Colored Officers Get Club Building

A new Colored Officers Club has been opened in the First Student Training Regiment area at the corner of Jenkins Avenue and Monk Street on the Main Post. Captain Howard G. Jones, Supply Officer of the First S. T. The Infantry School, supervised refurbishing and refurbishing the club building.

Cream-colored ceiling and walls and a gray floor brighten the new club. The room is trimly and green. All windows have Venetian blinds. At one end of the raised, walnut-stained dance floor is a large counter. Both rooms have been furnished with modern chrome-finished tables and chairs. The new branch provides the usual recreational facilities and carries a complete line of sandwiches and beverages.



"I say," sez Monahan



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'Breathe there the fool with soul so dead
Who never to himself hath said
This is my Home, My Native Land!'

Among the many men in the OC class of the 13th Company, Third Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School who came from far-flung outposts of American military strength, few can boast of coming from a more pictorially distant land than OC Floyd Alexander.

Alexander, the only OC sent to the 13th Company from the Trinidat sector, ended 19 months' straight service on a small island off the north coast of South America to come to OCS.

This, until the war, was a

peaceful island with an extremely heterogeneous population. The regular language spoken by the natives and foreigners, however, was as mixed up as the population. In one sentence, Alexander reported, the natives would use as many as five different languages — Spanish, German, Dutch, English and Portuguese. At the arrival of the with their ever-present American slang didn't do anything but make conversation that much more difficult, Alexander said.

While life was a little dull

on the island at times no one could ever complain about the weather, the new OC said. Trade winds gave it a year-round temperature on the average of from 63 to 89 degrees. And no man could ask for much more.

Alexander arrived here to get in the first cold spell to hit the sunny south this season. Although he found it a little difficult to adjust to the climate, he declared that there is no thrill quite like that of getting back to the good old United States. He is a native of London, Ohio.

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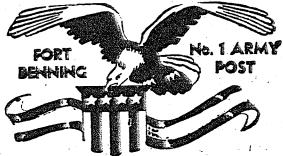
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BUYING CLOTHES AT THE THRIFT SHOP are these two GIs who are anticipating the cold weather that is coming up. Good garments to replace losses or to give extras when clothes are being cleaned send men to this thrifty place. The men are: (left) Jack S. Odum, and (right) Bill Smith, while the saleslady is Mrs. J. H. Drum, volunteer. (Signal Lab Photo.)

Thriff Shop Sells Everything From Toys to Outboard Motors

A "thriff" shop in name and in fact—that is what the Post Thrift Shop is living up to, according to the many enlisted men and officers and their families who patronize the place.

This thriff goes both ways. If a man or woman on the Post has an article of clothing or equipment at a fair price to some one, less 10 per cent, prior to some one, less 10 per cent for handling. If some one on the Post wants such an article he or she may buy it at a fair price that has been arrived at by starting with the original price and reducing it to a price on the condition of the article at the time it is sold.

"We'll sell everything from toys to outboard motors," states Mrs. Walter Scott Fulton, manager of the store. "But on the most popular line that we handle is the baby outfitting. As a great part of King Baby's equipment is off the market for the war, the demand for used equipment, such as baby buggies, bassinets, bathtubs, etc., is enormous, and the supply is small. And this type of article, when in good shape, is sold almost at once."

"Another line of equipment constantly in demand," Mrs. Fulton continued, "is the electrical household ones, electric irons, etc. Many things have standing orders waiting to be filled. And the demand for electric irons is so strong that many maintain almost a constant vigil on the shop to get an iron."

FURNITURE SOLD
On top of the direct contributions to the war effort the actual helping of the Army man when on the Post, is the sale and re-sale of furniture. Mrs. Fulton pointed out. Many articles of furniture have been consigned to the shop, and then sold to someone to furnish an apartment, man's home, or to someone trying to fit up a house for use. Soon the usual fortunes of war send this family elsewhere, and the goods are again handled through the thrift shop. In this way good buys are given persons coming and going, and losses are taken by persons moving out, the loss being generally only the ten per cent where the family has taken good care of the household articles.

All profits from the 10 per cent sale of furniture and from the full sale price of donated articles goes to the obstetric ward of the hospital and to other charities as chosen by the general sponsor, the Fort Benning chapter, Daughters of the U. S. Army.

The Post Thrift Shop started out as a little place near the Quartermaster's offices nearly three years ago, and a few months later was taken over by the Army Daughters and moved onto Anderson Avenue where it was under the management of Mrs. Hamilton Thorn. She continued to handle the place for 15 months with the volunteer help of the many Army wives and daughters who gave their services to continue something that had been started by the families connected with the Post. It was moved to a place on Gold and finally to the present nice location at Doughboy Stadium, just a few doors from the Post Library.

In the beginning, the shop, the necessary personnel, equipment, and a 50 per cent increase in business was one of the immediate results, the Army Daughters official report.

In August the management of the shop passed to Mrs. Walter Scott Fulton. She continues to be very delighted with the personnel and the organization of the



COZY CORNER IN THE THRIFT SHOP where nice pieces of furniture are being offered for sale. This nifty porch settee is being inspected by Mrs. William H. Hobson, wife of the Post Commander, while Mrs. James L. Tarr, whose husband is now in overseas service, is offering it for sale as one of the volunteer sales force of the shop. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Capt. Cunningham Takes Command Of 1st STR Unit

Over 250 officers and men of the 1st Student Training Regiment's Headquarters Company met their new company commander, Captain Albert P. Cunningham, Jr., at an informal evening gathering recently.

Captain Cunningham came to this Infantry School unit from Fort Jackson, S. C. This is the third time within the past 18 months he has been on duty at the Infantry School, having competed in Officers Motor Course in 1942 and New Division Officers Course in February 1943.

1st STR Gets Its 1st W. O.

When Sergeant Alex T. Sintetos took the oath of office that made him "Mr. Sintetos," he also gained the distinction of becoming the first warrant officer on the staff of the 1st Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School, O. J. G. Sintetos had been an enlisted member of the regiment since February 1942.

An accountant in civil life, he had supervised preparation of payrolls for several years. S. T. R. His new position will be Assistant Regimental Mess Purchasing Officer.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore P. Sintetos of 1351 Ingraham Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., he attended Strayer Business College, and Franklin University there, graduating with a Bachelor of Commercial Science degree in accountancy.

An accountant at the Washington Navy Yard when the national emergency became acute, he enlisted in the Navy in September 1941 and completed basic training at Camp Croft, S. C., where he also attended post administrative school. Transferred to the 1st S.T.R. at Fort Benning, he was promoted to corporal in April 1942 and to sergeant two months later.

His wife, Mrs. Agnes L. Sintetos, expects to leave Washington for Columbus, Ga., to join the newly appointed warrant officer.

Clean-Up Order Of Day Versed By Wac Poet

When Col. William H. Hobson, commanding officer of Fort Benning, proclaimed Clean Up Week for the post, Henry Bishop of the WAC Detachment, Second Company, Section I, at the fort, prepared for his approval an "order of the day" verse.

Col. Hobson liked the order so well he had it published in the Daily Bulletin that goes on over his signature, and over those of various heads and units of the post. The Order of the Day—is CLEAN UP.

Get the trash out of the way—and CLEAN UP.

You do not have the right To let trash create a sight When your effort is so slight—so CLEAN UP!

There's a campaign going on—it's CLEAN UP!

Give it a boosting that is strong— And CLEAN UP!

If you clean-up the right way And it's done from day to day What a profit it will pay—when we CLEAN UP!

NEW TOP-KICK

First Sgt. Oliver L. Green, of Huntsville, Alabama, is the new topkick of F Company, Academic Regiment of The Infantry School. Green, who sports six hash marks, organized Headquarters Company of the Second Student Training Regiment in January 1942, and served as its first sarge until the regiment was inactivated a few months ago. He resides in Baker Columbus with his wife and three children.

The War Department has authorized soldiers to take such employment as farm or food processing labor whenever they are "off duty."



THE MAJOR BUYS A HORSE. That's what that little thing in his hand is to little Jimmie. Now the problem is to convince Mrs. Weeks, manager of the Craft Shop, that she should hide it somewhere around the place so Junior won't see it until Christmas, no place being safe from the "look see" of the lad around home. The officer's smile seems to be having the right effect. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Post Craft Shop Provides Source for Unusual Gifts

A gift shop for men, with a lot of things for men, and a lot of things for men to buy women, or children.

That's the Post Craft Shop, near the Cooks and Bakers School, Vibert Avenue, and Mrs. Harriet Weeks, the manager, is here to see that the soldier gets the gift he is looking for. She also sees that it is wrapped and prepared for shipment, or fixed up for presentation if he can deliver it.

Man's stuff includes pipes, lighter, tobacco pouches, lighter fluids and flints, cigarette cases, leather

wallets, locker file cases, letter paper in cases, pennants, brief cases, toilet article cases, etc. Then the gift lists for the GI to buy for his women, include a variety that covers all the tastes that the girl friend or wife could possibly think about. There are gifts in powdered, dressed sets, in the form of hats, neckties, novelty and costume jewelry, beautiful utility boxes for dressers, playing cards, stockings, cosmetics, and a great variety of decorative small articles.

One of the most non-com, and commissioned, in gold and silver, to be worn by the women of men holding these ranks, are featured. Of course, there is a toy room where men can satisfy their children's wants in all sorts of toys, including little toys for the Pre-Peak Harbor children, too.

Then there is a baby shop off to the side where the GI can let his wife enjoy herself, if she is along or in the Fort Benning vicinity.

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Post Engineer In Role Fort's Trouble Shooter

Col. Littleton's Office Has Job Of Metropolis Of 150,000

When Lieut. Col. Edward L. Littleton was appointed Post Engineer, coming to Fort Benning from Camp Wheeler, Ga., he assumed command of an organization that "does everything from fixing a leaky faucet to maintaining the utilities and making repairs on installations that are equal to those of a metropolitan of more than 150,000."

No stranger is directing such work in Colonel Littleton, either, for he says he did a little road building and highway engineering for the Fla. State Highway department and was engaged in the contracting business. He has several years' experience as city engineer. He is a graduate of the War Service School with the Heavy Artillery, he was recalled to active duty on Nov. 10, 1940 and assigned to the Engineers because of his wide municipal engineering experience.

He is at Fort Benning in the Post Engineer's office to perform all of the duties of the city engineer's office of a large city in addition handles the same work as the utilities—gas, light and water departments.

A crew of almost 1,000 civilian employees perform the various tasks of the office. Heading the civilian staff is W. A. Ford, administrative officer, who has had 21 years of experience in the office at Fort Benning.

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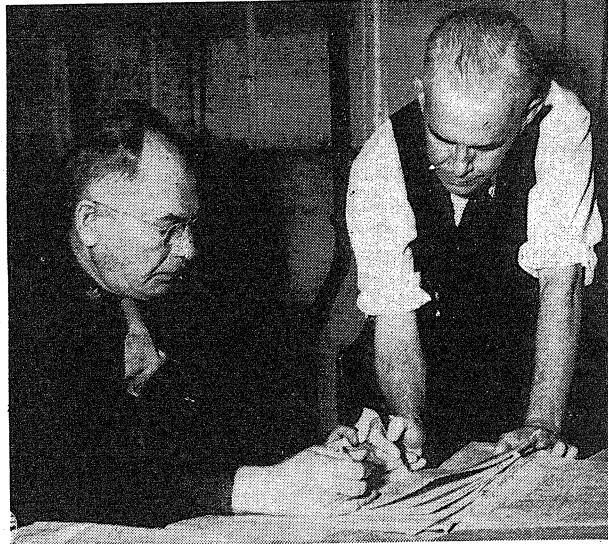
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GOING OVER PLANS AND FIGURES for a major job by the personnel of the Post Engineer's office are Lt. Col. Edward L. Littleton, post engineer and W. A. Ford, civilian chief of the office. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

ators and coils. Two hundred men

are employed in plants alone.

After worrying about the pres-

ervation of food, the office has to

collect and dispose garbage after

thousands of hungry men have

finished eating every day. To dis-

pose of garbage and trash, the of-

fice maintains three large incin-

erators.

The Post Engineer also is in

charge of the fire department,

with a force of over 170 men,

maintaining 19 fire engines. The

office provisions, maintains, re-

pairs and operates the fire protec-

tion system, sprinkler systems and

the alarm system, as well as pro-

viding and training the personnel,

checking, recharging fire extin-

guishers and inspecting for fire

prevention.

An important phase of the work

of the office is vermin and mos-

quito control. Over 100 men are

kept busy on this job alone. Thou-

sands of gallons of mosquito

material are sprayed on

water and swamp lands annually,

and some areas even are drained

to keep down the mosquito and

thus maintain the health of men

on the Post. This work is accom-

plished by the medical authorities

who must decide whether the work is accom-

plishing results.

Another major project of course

is the maintenance, repair and

construction of roads, walks, park-

ing areas, culverts, ditches and the

like. The Post has more than

75 miles of paved roads and

200 miles of unpaved roads,

plus 40 miles of paved roads.

FOREST RESERVES

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Uniform Regulations Harass Poor Private

BY CPL. WALTER MILLER
Academic Regiment

Pvt. Chowhound—who never

understands regulations about

wearing woolens until it's time to

change into cottons—has some

new "wrinkles" in the rules to

worry about this fall. Only this

time the "wrinkles" are creases—

two neat creases he had put into

the front and back of his woolen

shirts just before they were tucked

away among the mothballs. And

Pvt. Chowhound, alas, didn't have

his creases put in with an iron or

a tailor's pressing machine.

Poor Chowhound had his sewn in!

Imagine Chowhound's untold woe when he asked:

"What's the line outside the tailor?"

Because the answer, quoted to him by a company clerk who was

very much on the ball, was—

"The wearing of shirts, the frots or backs of which have been specially creased, is forbidden."

Couch! Couch beat it upstairs

to lord his newly-gained info over

the latrine orderly.

Pvt. Chowhound, the company

clerk decided—now that the line had moved up to the

door—that it was time for him to

cook up a coker to get Harry the

tailor to give him a priority rating.

Should he tell him he was going

to the tailor tomorrow?" No, he

used that one last week. He'd

have to get another one, fast.

izized mission, during duty hours."

BLACK TIES

"I'm also worried about those

black ties I still have."

"Well, frankly, Chowhound,

men have been stopped at the

outpost for wearing them. Don't

turn them in, but, unless the tie

situation is fully settled, wear your khakis."

Chowhound looked around fur-

tively and then whispered:

"What's the real lowdown on

my garrison cap—with visor?"

"Why Chowhound; you're play-

ing with dynamite! Turn it into

the supply sergeant at once, or send

it home! Don't wear it in your

possession! That's a straight tip!"

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to lord his newly-gained info over

the latrine orderly.

Colonel Littleton, the company

clerk, was still there.

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sumption of the leaf.

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be bright, moisture proof, light

and rat proof, the Extension Serv-

ice says.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A
SOLDIER

By S-Sgt. Tom McDonald

Reveille! Brush, realize!

The first dinner call you hear

Up at 'em, soldier!

Don't sleep the whole blame year!

Chow Call! Chow Call!

You'd better come and get it.

Roll Call! Roll Call!

No company can omit it.

First Call! First Call!

Everybody be there.

Church Call! Church Call!

On Sunday, not rare.

Fall in! Parade rest!

The day is near its end.

But for the weary bugler,

The calls will just begin.

Recall! Recall!

The troops come marching back

With every trudging private

Column right! Column left!

Right oblique! Forward march!

The louie's shirt is full of starch

The mind is strong, the back is weak

That hill ahead has quite a peak!

Fire Call! Water Call!

Corporal Jones is too damaged tal-

Eyes right! and ready front!

Stick out your chest-yuh little runt!

To the colors! Music charms

Company tenshun! Present Arms!

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—in the uneasy interval between World Wars—Fort Benning was one of the few reminders that our nation had

not quite forgotten its armed forces. It was one of the

few evidences that our people remembered the first ob-

ligation of a government—to defend itself against attack.

If we may speak plainly—our nation would have

been vastly better off on December 7, 1941, and would

be better off today, if the Army, and the Navy too, had

had more Fort Benning.

If Armistice Day can teach us anything, it is this:

never to let our national defense so lapse that an enemy

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Medical Detachment Is One of Post's Live Wires

Celebrating its 25th anniversary last October 7, the Medical Detachment at the Station Hospital has established during the past year an enviable record in various drives on the post, and is proud of being one of the most "live wire" units at Fort Benning.

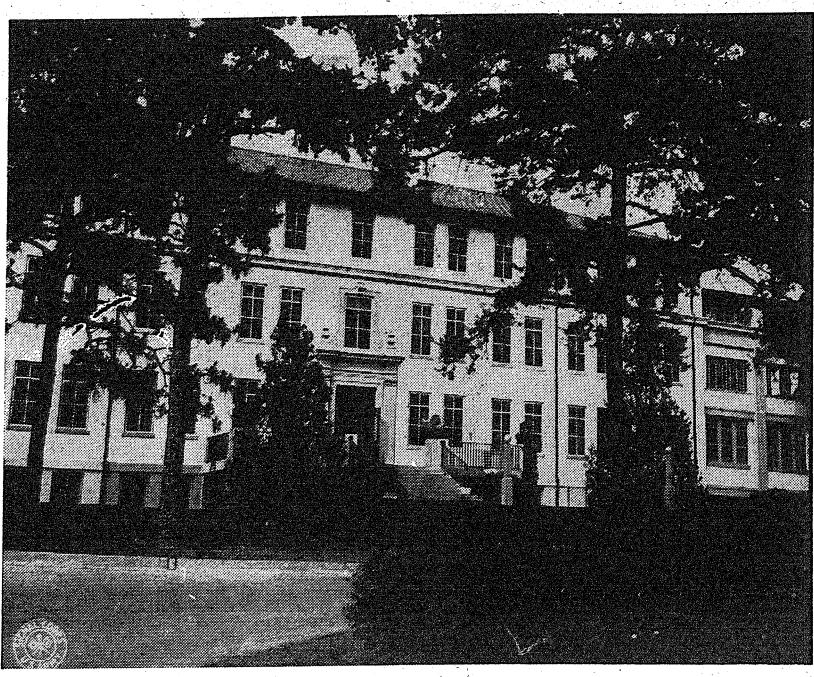
The detachment, which is commanded by Major John E. Joyner, purchased \$40,000 worth of war bonds during the Third War Loan Drive in September, far above its quota of \$25,000, and reached that figure by September 15. In the current War Fund Drive, the detachment have contributed an average of \$1,000, donating an average of something over a dollar per man. They have given liberally to such organizations as the Red Cross, War Emergency Relief, and the U.S.O.

The detachment, which consists of Section 1 for white personnel and Section 2 for colored soldiers, furnishes the enlisted personnel for the administrative offices and wards in the Station Hospital. The women dispensary is providing 24-hour service in all these jobs. Ward boys are on duty in every ward of the hospital every hour of the day and night to answer needs of patients.

In addition to furnishing personnel to the Station Hospital, the detachment also furnishes trained men to the First Student Training Regiment, the 3rd ASTP, the Harmony Church Dental Clinic, the Sand Hill Dental Clinic, the Attending Surgeon's office in the Commandant's Veterinary Department, Hospital Number 2 in Harmony Church, the Reception Center, the Alabama Area Dental Clinic, the Induction Station and the Internment Camp.

ARRIVED IN 1918

First personnel of the detachment served at Fort Benning on



STATION HOSPITAL is noted for its efficient corps of medical officers and nurses and its splendid equipment. This building is one of the most beautiful on the reservation and wins the admiration of all who behold it. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo).

which has appeared on many post radio programs and at the Patio Grill, has played on quite a few programs at the Columbus USA units.

Members of the band are Cpl. Allen Morris at the piano, Sgt. Mike Sowa on the bass, Pvt. Clarence Davis on the trumpet, Pvt. Ernest Heil on the saxophone, Pvt. Earl Swauger on the drums and Sgt. Pintello on the accordion. The colored troops have a spiritual quartet called the "Famous Four," which has entertained during programs on the post and in Columbus.

SPECIAL WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Each week a special program is presented and consists of music, stunts, quiz programs and boxing. Once a month outside talent is invited to perform for the detachment personnel.

"The Biggest Little Band at Fort Benning," under the direction of Sgt. Pintello, also provides much entertainment for the detachment as well as for various wards in the hospital. The band,

Uncle Sam Puts 'Good Teeth' In His Fighters

Uncle Sam has teeth in his fighting army and often as not these are good G. I. teeth, designed by army dentists and constructed in army laboratories at places like Fort Benning, it was disclosed today by the post dental surgeon, Colonel Mervin A. Sanderson.

Soldiers are offered the same dental service that was available in civilian life, only now it is more extensive and best of all it is free," he said.

Briefly outlining the post dental program, Colonel Sanderson said that the local clinics averaged 18,000 to 20,000 sittings for September and October. Seventeen thousand five hundred of these patients received permanent fillings, our largest single activity. Other work included crowns, treatments of teeth and 40 full dentures, not to mention prosthodontics, treatments of the gums, and extractions. The latter operation is performed only when other measures fail, and it is clearly demonstrated that a tooth is better to leave than to extract. Paradoxically enough, the number of replacements exceeded the number of extractions by at least 25 percent during 1942. However, the answer is understandable. Dentists now take without regard to number of teeth, and later visit army dental clinics for supplements, or full plates.

EIGHT CLINICS

To take care of Benning's dental needs there are eight separate clinics on the reservation, each responsible to Colonel Sanderson, with a dental officer in each. Clinics, stations and chiefs of service include, Dispensary "A," Lt. Col. Albert L. Bartlett; Main Hospital Unit No. 1, Major Benjamin Rubin; Sand Hill Dispensary, Lt. Col. Chester Fordyce; Harmon Church Dispensary, Maj. No. 2, Captain Frank Pitt; Harmony Church Unit, ASTP area, Major Nathan Alderstein; 3rd Student Training Regiment, Major F. W. Summers; and the Parachute clinic, Alabama area, Major Fred G. Estep.

Caring for dental needs of the Italian prisoners of war interned at Fort Benning is Lt. Joseph E. Fidanza, himself a master of the language.

He said that the army is offering dental care to many persons who never before had known treatment. Of the civilian population, only about 12 percent avail themselves of dental care and inspection. In the army, every man is extended this advantage and given some compulsory attention;

however, each soldier must take a personal pride in his teeth and keep a watchful eye to their care. Local dental facilities are crowded and rushed due to added loads, but any man can obtain necessary treatment by making an advance appointment. For emergencies, a dental O. D. service is maintained at the station hospital and by certain field clinics.

All soldiers about to be shipped overseas are given a thorough check, including filling of cavities, removal of infected teeth, construction and fitting of needed dentures, and recheck of old dentures. Many men, Col. Sanderson said, are salvaged for full field service by giving them teeth.

"If an army fights on its

COMPULSORY ATTENTION

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stomach, it must have teeth," he said.

FOR THE BED-RIDDEN

But what of the bed-ridden soldier, unable to go to the dentist's chair? What dental treatment can he receive? Thanks to a unit designed a year and a half ago by Major Ralph D. Watkins, long-drawn patients have their dental work a la carte. The unit, consisting of a workshop, is complete in every way, and can be wheeled from ward to ward with the greatest convenience. All it lacks is an X-ray machine.

Of X-ray machines, there is

one in each of the eight dental clinics along with dental equipment, the latest and best type available. The same is true of materials used in fillings and manufacture of dentures. For fillings, silicates and silver amalgams are normally used; for inlays, gold and silver; for crowns, gold; and for dentures, as previously noted, acrylics and resin-based plastics are used.

Work in all of the larger clinics

is sub-divided into various categories. In addition to the clinic head, there is the chief of oral surgery, who handles fractures and splints; work and mouth surgery; the chief of prosthetic services, who is charged with all denture work; and the chief of service, in charge of all routine operative dentistry besides those all-severed civilian dentists, whose duties are to clean teeth; and recently WACs too, have been trained in this sub-dental task.

"At present the dental clinics are open 8:30 to 5:30 daily from Monday through Saturday, with an average of 1,000 patients at other times. Col. Sanderson said that the clinics are busier than ever before and added that an increase in work is expected and anticipated.

Some of the old cattle drives from Texas to the northern plains involved 8,000 cattle and took four or five months.

Ernest Poole's "His Family" won the first Pulitzer prize in letters.

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G. I. Movies

Popular on Post

G. I. Movies are in fact Government events; musical sequences; sports shots and cartoons. They are produced exclusively for showing to the personnel of the

These films are booked by the Chief of Special Service Branch, Lt. Colonel Charles C. Finnegan for 30 days and in turn the Special Service Officers of the various military organizations maintain their exhibitions of G. I. Movies through Colonel Finnegan's office. It has been estimated that in a 30-day period a G. I. Movie is viewed by over 16,000 men.

The purpose behind G. I. Movies is threefold: 1-To inform the soldier on current events by showing them under the guidance and knowledge of the history, institutions, peoples, customs, resources and terrain of the world at war.

2. To provide a supplemental movie service for regular weekly entertainment in the command centers which cannot be served with standard paid admission film entertainment.

3. To provide a means for non-compulsory showings of orientation films and other educational productions.

G. I. Movies are intended especially for 16mm projectors each release comes on a single 16mm film. The running time is approximately 45 minutes.

New Saturday Banking Hours

Banks at Fort Benning will close at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, it was announced Saturday.

The change was made effective on Nov. 6, and in the future the banks will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on each Saturday.

However, on week days the banks will continue to be open during their regular hours of from 11 o'clock until 3 o'clock. The closing of the banks an hour earlier on Saturdays will coincide with the Saturday closing hours of Columbus banks.

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The laboratory also houses itself with the training of enlisted personnel of old hospital units destined for overseas duty. During their stay here, these men are taught specialized and technical tasks which they may be called upon to perform in a theater of operations or actual combat area. These trainees average about 10.

Speaking of the duties of these men and their officers, Colonel Sanderson noted that the dental officer in combat is used as an auxiliary medical officer, helping to treat those with battle injuries. In the hospital, he added, the dental officer is trained to handle fractures to the jaw, in

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Hospital Unit No. 2 Helps Convalescent Doughboys

Salvage of injured soldiers who otherwise would be disabled permanently or face a long and painful convalescence is the business of Station Hospital Unit No. 2 in the Harmony Church area of Fort Benning.

This unit for convalescents takes patients discharged from the Station Hospital who are still suffering from the after effects of injury or illness. Here a scientific program of reconditioning speeds the process of recovery so that the men are able to return to duty when they are discharged from Unit No. 2.

This is no hospital of bathhouses and pleasure. The soldiers in this unit are up and dressed and seriously about this business of effecting a complete recovery in order to return to their home units for active duty.

Consequently, a program designed to restore both physical and mental health has been perfected. The patients in this unit are headed by Colonel William C. Kennedy, commanding officer. A program of work and play, good food; the finest medical care the Army can provide with the newest in equipment, comfortable living conditions, absolute freedom for expressing any constructive idea, and always the co-operation, understanding and wise counseling of their superior officers has made possible recovery of more than 1,100 patients since the unit's opening in March of this year.

Working on the theory that "something for nothing" is always a challenge to man, Captain Clifford K. Okuno, chief of laboratory service at this unit, has worked out plans of construction with soldiers convalescing in this area that give the mind employment, the body needed exercise and valuable sun rays.

A field sanitary area composed of 12 units consisting of an underground trench incubator, a waste pit, a garbage disposal plant, an improvised outdoor shower, latrines and outdoor incinerator, and an underground food storage vault are among the important projects constructed under Lt. Okuno's supervision.

Materials salvaged from sand piles left over from the construction of the area were used. Rocks were brought from nearby streams and fields.

The convalescent soldiers work only such time as doctors allow and have made this model sanitary area as preparation for the day when they will be doing "field duty" in some battle zone.

GOOD EARTH POLICY

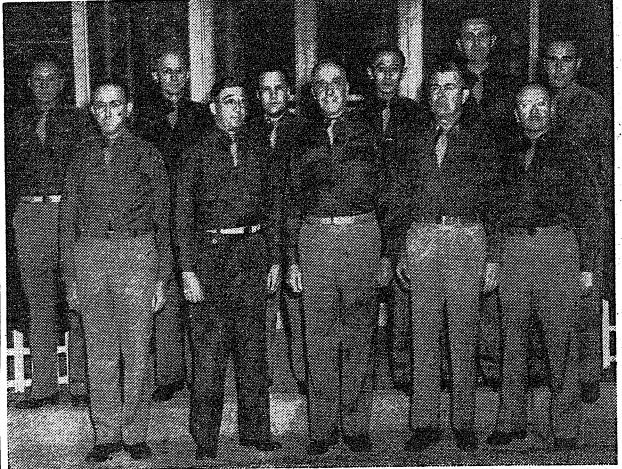
Plans and training officer of the reconstruction program is Second Lt. Harold W. Lenhart.

Activities under the plans and training officer include the showing of the latest news and orientation films each day, provided through the co-operation of Lt. Col. Clarence A. Will post plan and training officer. Film shows are shown at some time or other to those men who are representatives from every outfit in this convalescent group. Once each week round table discussions are held with the officers and men of the unit on various problems of their organization, and to better equip them for the arduous task confronting them.

"Making little ones out of big ones" so to speak has resulted in the next little white picket fence around the hospital building. Old suit and vegetable crates were the source of the material, split and trimmed to the exact dimensions for this fence enclosing a "Y" bed planted with flaming scarlet salvia.

Along with nature, physical therapy is the miracle worker in this hospital. There are a number of ingenious devices invented or constructed by Captain Samuel Sherman, formerly of New York City, a carpenter, who has built a "less is more" the gamut of one's imagination from a finger-ladder to a foot rocker. In addition to these home made miracle workers are all the most modern scientific inventions for the care of Uncle Sam's boys.

The finger ladder is of interesting construction. Nailed perpendicularly to the wall is a narrow strip. On this strip are built little steps, each with a number to



KEY MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF FORT BENNING'S STATION HOSPITAL include, (Left to right): Colonel William Denton, station surgeon; Colonel William L. Starnes, commanding officer, station hospital; 2nd row (left to right) Lt. Col. Donahue L. Emerson, adjutant; Major John B. Joyner, commanding officer, detachment medical department; Major Ruth C. Anderson, principal chief nurse; Lt. Col. Louis Ochs, Jr., chief medical service; Lt. Col. Eleazar R. Bowie, Chief of X-ray service; Lt. Col. Henry F. Buettner, chief of laboratory service; 3rd row: Major Delphine F. Fisher, custodian hospital fupd; Major Burton P. Grimes, executive officer; Major Benjamin Rubin, chief hospital dental clinic; Lt. Col. Alphonse M. McCarthy, chief of surgical service; Major Fred J. Duncan, medical supply officer; 4th row, Captain Lewis E. Martin, registrar; Captain Richard L. Martin, hospital inspector; Major Wallace M. Johnson, director of dietetics. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo by Kortemeier).

ARM'S INSTRUCTION

There are line officers to instruct in arms. An infantry and a field artillery officer keep these men in practice in the rudiments of their separate arms. One of these is uppermost in the minds of the officers responsible for the convalescence of these men: prepare them to take their place with their own organization strong in body, active in mind, with a real sense of their responsibility to their organization, and to better equip them for the arduous task confronting them.

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see how much progress is made in giving the boys "beauty treatments." It removes molds, scars and any disfiguring marks from the face.

Recreational activities in the hospital are conducted by Aileen Miner in charge of Red Cross activities at the unit. Housed in a separate building with rooms for visiting mothers, sweethearts or any member of the soldier's family, this building is a large room, a recreation hall with a piano, a completely equipped stage where movies are shown every night, a special room for the Arts and Crafts, and a game room.

The wheel of chance" copied from its predecessor on the state fair midway is just that—lacking numbers of course. The wheel is a two-wheeled, dollar-ride—but the stakes are much higher. Complete use of shoulder and arm put out of use by breaks or sprains is the goal of this machine. A man grabs hold of a knob built onto this wheel and starts the wheel. The wheel goes, and you know that with every turn of that wheel the injured member is getting more and more limber and the stiffness is being gradually worked out, restoring it to full use again. That is the prize from this wheel.

A "foot rocker" is still another device. It is more like a shoebox than anything else. It is man places his foot on the last of the rocker, back and forth and the rocker in a broken or sprained ankle is soon worked out.

BAKING CABINET

But these are just a few of the things accomplished for soldiers with sick muscles. There is the electric heating cabinet with a controlled temperature of 110 degrees. While the patient is in this cabinet, having all body soreness and stiffness steamed out, he is given salt water continuously to drink to replace the fluid in his system lost by perspiration. Ultraviolet machines used are so powerful that five minutes is equal to one hour in the sun. The infra-red lamps are used for "deep under the skin" treatment.

For stiffened joints and limbs, the physician has an excellent method for aiding nature. The limb or joint is placed into a washing machine-like device. Water, electrically controlled as to heat, is flooded into the tub. A motor sets the water in the wash, with centrifugal force that distributes therapeutic action and hastens recovery to these joints and limbs.

You find here a new use for the medicine ball. Patients lie flat on the floor and roll around and around in exercise. Stamped muscles that have become inactive from operations—maybe bayonet stabs. That ball is also used in a home-made punching bag. It is placed in a discarded fruit sack, hung from a rack, and here is a punching bag for building muscle that have become flabby from inaction.

Naturally—this ward has all the latest, modern equipment such as a Diathermy machine used in treating pneumonia patients that have not fully recovered. This

Post Red Cross Opens Sub-office

Opening of a Red Cross sub-office for the exclusive use of Parachute School troops was announced by Major Robert M. Mitchell, Fort Benning field director.

The new office, which opened Monday morning, will be located on Waite street in the parachute

school area. In charge will be Charles McKagen, assistant field director, aided by two other Red Cross representatives, and two clerks.

Mr. Mitchell announced that all affairs for the school property will be transferred through this office, and all parachute school personnel will be transferred to the new office. However, he stressed that other organizations, not members of the Parachute School, in that area must still come to the main Red Cross office for assistance.

This sub-station will not replace the Red Cross office in Alabama area, which will continue to function as usual.

The sandal was the everyday shoe of the ancient Greeks.

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20,000 Passenger Cars Issued Benning Permits

Twenty thousand passenger car permits have been issued to date to private vehicles to pass through the No. 1 Outpost of the Fort, according to information released this week by the Provost Marshal's office.

And this does not include the great number of Army vehicles that pass through daily, carrying from four to twenty-five passengers each.

With rare exceptions, such as men who must carry on their work at odd hours of the night, no private vehicles can get gas unless it carries four people, nor a couple unless it carries three people. Small private trucks carrying laundry, quartermaster, and ordinance are often loaded with as many as 15 persons, thus bringing up the per capita load to more than four persons per car, it is stated.

"It takes 25,000 ration books to handle this necessary gas service of the cars of people who work on the Post during the day and live in Columbus," stated a spokesman for the Marshall's office, "and, of course, additional people travel in the public carriers and in the Army trucks back and forth daily through the Outpost."

NEW HIGHWAY

Traffic between the Post and Columbus has been greatly improved during the past year by the newly completed three-lane highway from Columbus to Phenix City. The double-way four-lane modern traffic artery, being built from Columbus across the Fort Benning reservation to Cusseta is graded and bridged for 12 miles and paved completely over half that distance. As it is completed, all civilian traffic will be required to run on it thus relieving a lot of congestion on the strictly military highways of the Post.

Other roads graded or otherwise improved and so greatly aiding the easy flow of traffic within the Post during the past year include three miles of the Tennessee Avenue, three miles of the Red Arrow Road, and three miles of the Red Diamond Road, according to informers' office.

2nd Army Special Troops Officers Get Promotions

Promotion of 1st Lt. Carl S. Brown, commanding officer of the 24th Ordnance Depot Company to the rank of captain, and Lt. Charles M. Patton, assistant adjutant of the 10th Ordnance, Special Troops, Second Army, to the rank of first lieutenant, is announced by Colonel George E. Jacobs, commanding officer of the Second Army Special Troops.

Captain Brown, a native of Encino, Calif., attended the University of California, and before entering the service was employed by the Berkeley Board of Education.

Lieutenant Patton, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, was commissioned from the Adjutant General's school at Fort Washington, Md., and before entering the service was employed by a firm of certified public accountants in Cincinnati.

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'Pistol Packin' Mama' Is 7th Armored Favorite

"Pistol Packin' Mama," "Put Your Arms Around Me, Honey," and "People Will Say We're In Love" are the three favorite song hits among the gun toting hard-workin' 7th Armored Division soldiers, a survey of the 10 post exchanges revealed.

The nation-wide favorite "Pistol Packin' Mama" was considered in the lead. But there were others that have gained popularity with "Lucky Seven" following close as "Ferryboat Serenade," "Murder," "Star Dust," "Velvet Moon" and "Something To Remember You By."

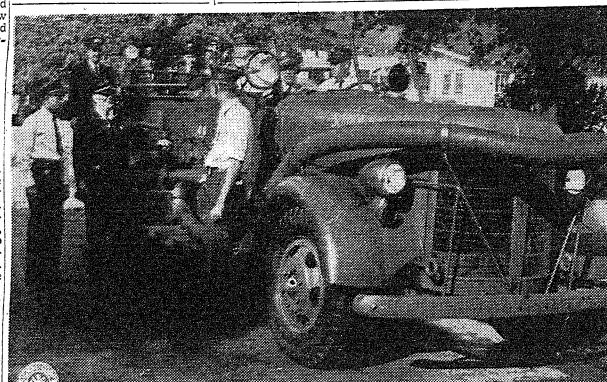
After the day's work is ended, soldiers stroll to the PX nearest them. They exchange jokes, have beer and sometimes play the juke boxes. Thoughts of home and love, delight and anger, humor and appreciation, all these moods and fantasies pop up—and then music, music as long as the doors are open.

335th Ordnance Bn. Activated

The 335th Ordnance Battalion, which has been recently activated, has been attached to the Headquarters Fourth Detachment, Special Troops, Second Army at Fort Benning. It was announced by Colonel George E. Jacobs, commanding officer of the Army Special Troops at Fort Benning. The unit is located in the Pine Woods area of the post, and is commanded by Major F. J. Sikoski.



SUNSET AND EVENING STREAM OF CARS of Fort Benning workers headed for their homes in Columbus, as seen by the camera from Outpost No. 1. Twenty thousand of these private vehicles have been granted permits to pass through this major gate of the Post, but they must pass through in single line on this one-way street so that they may be checked. (Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps.)



POINTING OUT SOME OF THE COMPLICATED GADGETS on one of the most modern and completely equipped fire trucks in the country, Fort Benning Fire Chief Joseph L. Hogan (center) discusses the vehicle with First Assistant Fire Chief Gilbert A. Ward (left) and Second Assistant Fire Chief W. T. McCall (right). Capable of speeding to a fire at the rate of 100 miles per hour, the vehicle is an American La France Triple Combination 750 gallon fire truck with 190 horsepower. Equipped with four sets of batteries and two self starters, as well as almost every known modern type of fire fighting equipment, the truck reputedly rides smoother than a sedan. (Credit: U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Post Has Largest Fire Department in Army; Second Largest in State

Even in the dead of night it takes less than 30 seconds after a fire alarm rings for Fort Benning firemen to dress and start speeding to the scene with all necessary equipment from the Fort Benning fire department, which, according to Fire Chief Joseph L. Hogan, is the largest and modern in the Army, and the second largest fire department in the state of Georgia.

Sleeping with trousers legs within their firemen's boots, the firemen use their selves as a "hook" when they hear the alarm, thrust their feet inside their boots and with their pants therefore already on, they throw their suspenders over their shoulders, and board the truck to be put into gear. The truck has an automatic belt while the truck is speeding on its way.

Equipped with almost every

known piece of equipment for fighting fire, including gas mask, fire nozzles, and the finest searchlights to penetrate the thickest of smoke, the firemen go into the fray with the same thorough and complete training they would obtain were they a member of the New York or Chicago fire departments, except for the drill tower experience which is not needed at the post.

GO TO SCHOOL

In this way these firemen spend approximately six hours every day at "school" at their stations where they learn and practice the methods of forcible entries to fires, salvage, laying lines and fire prevention, first fighting, first aid, rescue work, lowering people from buildings, hoisting equipment, how to tie the various kinds of knots needed in their trade, and how to use the various kinds of tools needed in their trade, and how to use the various kinds of tools

fire chiefs. Of the 11 stations on the post, four are on the main post, one at Lawson Field, two in the Sand Hill area, three in the Harmony Church area, and one in the Alabama area.

Chief Hogan has eight assistant fire chiefs, of whom Gilbert A. Ward is first assistant chief at Sand Hill at present, is second assistant chief. Stationed also at the main post is James A. McGarragh. The other assistant fire chiefs are Hansel Davidson at Sand Hill, S. L. Kitchens, in Harmony Church, and George W. Vein and Frank L. McEachen in the Alabama area.

Lt. Col. Edward L. Littleton, as post engineer, is fire marshal of the post.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Members of The Infantry School staff are going back to school for advanced studies. Forty of them are now in the 1st Student Training Regiment's 15th Company, to which 1st Lieutenant Wesley B. Frace, for ten months Infantry School Librarian, has been assigned as tactical officer. He is a resident of Columbus, Ga.

WACs at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., call their mail orderly "Postal Packin' Mama."

Located on the main post, 84 in Harmony Church area in Sand Hill and 28 in Alabama. All fire phones are tested and maintained by the fire department, which also takes care of fire plugs, flushing them and keeping them in perfect working order at all times.

Each post has its share of the important activities of the department, which has put on demonstrations for approximately 49,000 soldiers within the past 60 days. This educational work includes lectures on fire prevention, demonstration of different types of fire extinguishers and their use, and the kinds of fires for which the different types of extinguishers are used. Further, they demonstrate with many different kinds of electric fuses cause fires and how the use of pennies in fuse boxes result in fires from overloaded electric lines.

FIRE PREVENTION

Prevention of fires is an activity which the fire department also works upon, even though it is a costly outlay of energy. They are always on the lookout for any sort of fire hazard, and there is a continuous inspection of all areas of the post to search out these hazards and eliminate them before they can cause trouble. Lt. George Bender of the Medical Detachment is fire prevention engineer, and has 20 civilian inspectors under him to concentrate on this work. In addition, the fire department has a committee which is called to respond to the post to telephone the department any time they are in doubt as to whether a fire hazard exists. The department can have an inspector at any part of the post within five minutes to check on these matters. Chief Hogan says.

Fiscal Functions Are Now Centralized

Centralization of all fiscal functions of the Post were accomplished in September this year when Lt. Homer D. Wright, a new addition to the staff here, was made fiscal officer.

Colonel Wright and his office are now responsible for all budgeting and estimating, accounting and reporting, certification of availability of funds, and internal audits of post funds, in this new office.

Eliminated are the branch fiscal functions in the Medical Department, Quartermaster, Ordnance, Motor Transport District, Signal Office, Post Engineer, Engineer Property Office, Chemical Depot, Transportation Office, Finance Office, and Civilian Personnel.

Assisting the Colonel are 2nd

CLUB BALI OKEHEP

The Club Bali on 14th street above Third Avenue in Phenix City, formerly called Jim Harris' Cafe, has been declared "on limits" to all military personnel, according to an order issued at post headquarters. The former establishment has previously been one of many open in Phenix City on the off-limits list.

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244th F. A. Battalion Shows TIS Students Effect of Fire Power

The devastating effect of field artillery fires shown in The Infantry School demonstrations held at Fort Benning has been furnished by twelve 105 mm howitzers manned and served by the 244th Field Artillery Battalion. This Field Artillery unit, which is a part of the School Troops Brigade, of the Infantry School, has for the last six months participated in Infantry School demonstrations for the purpose of giving the students the chance to see, in actual operation, the different artillery techniques.

The 244th Field Artillery Battalion was activated August 8, 1942 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, under the command of Lt. Col. George E. Cook. The original cadre came from the 172nd Field Artillery, a National Guard Regiment from the State of New Hampshire.

Men came to the newly activated unit from the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida, and many of them, Basic training was completed at Camp Shelby and in April 1943 the Battalion was assigned to The Infantry School Troops Brigade.

Soon after arrival at Fort Benning, Lt. Col. Cook, took an important assignment on the West Coast and Lt. Col. Luis Mercado assumed command. For the past seven months the Battalion has been under the able and efficient guidance of Colonel H. G. Elliott, Commanding Officer, Field Artillery School Troops at Fort Benning.

PRESIDENTIAL SALUTE

The 244th Field Artillery Battalion was a member of The Infantry School Baseball League and in spite of the fact that the team was inexperienced, they gave all the opposition a good fight. Paul Norbert Schutte, versatile shortstop for the 244th was awarded a \$50.00 War Bond for being the most valuable player on the team.

Headquarters Battery, 244th Field Artillery Battalion was given the honor of firing a 21-gun salute for President Roosevelt on his arrival here at Fort Benning this summer. They did the honors again a short time later when General Henri Giraud of France arrived here for a short visit and later for Maj. Gen.



Racoons 'Take Up' With Luckies; Are Now Pets

Two racoons captured last week by Private Hubert Colay and Arvel Mitchell are attached to Division Staff Officers' mess for food and shelter. The animals were caught in a hollow log a few feet away from the mess, and as they get better acquainted with the mess sergeant and cooks they are becoming more and more domestic—and have found a home in the 7th Armored Division.

The pair of pets were seen the day before they were caught. The cook's helpers were taken from their company. They were later found in the tree where they evidently had been hidden by their mother.

The 'coons, as they are known throughout the Southland, seem to be contented as they eat. They eat green vegetables, soap, fish and any number of edibles. They have apparently become accustomed to their new environment.

A male and female, the 'coons have not as yet been named, may have been named mousies of the Officer's staff, however, and between meals are taking basic training every day now.

Lawson Field Officers' Wives Organize Club

In an effort to give newcomers a feeling of belonging, and to acquaint the women with the various phases of work at Lawson Field and Fort Benning, the wives of the officers at Lawson Field met last week at the Lawson Field Officer's club.

The women were welcomed by Mrs. John E. Albert, who, with Mrs. W. A. Capers, was hostess at luncheon.

During a discussion of business, plans were made for meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, and for taking part in the Red Cross activities at Fort Benning.

The following officers have already begun their duties: Mrs. John E. Albert, president; Mrs. Donald C. Anderson, first vice-president; Mrs. Ormond, corresponding secretary; Mrs. George A. Key, recording secretary; Mrs. William J. Jones, treasurer; Mrs. B. H. Tucker and Mrs. J. W. Christensen in charge of transportation.

Each organization at the Field is represented on the Board of Governors: Mrs. W. A. Capers, 5th Base Hq., and A. B. Sdn.; Mrs. Ormond, 5th I. C. Sdn.; Mrs. Christmas, 30th I. C. Sdn.; Mrs. Schumacher, 308th T. C. Sqn.; Mrs. William J. Jones, 7th Recn. Sqn.; Mrs. William Chopin, 33rd Sub Dep't.

THERE ARE TIMES when the Infantry runs into a problem that is a little too much for its own fire power whereupon it calls upon the artillery for assistance. To demonstrate how this assistance is rendered, The Infantry School has an artillery battalion available for demonstrations before Officer Candidate and Officer classes. Top photo shows a 105 mm. howitzer in a concealed position, ready for action. Crew in the bottom photo is waiting for a fire order. (Official U. S. Army Photos—The Infantry School.)



THIS IS ONE OF THE HOWITZERS of the Infantry's School's 252nd Field Artillery in action—but the action did not take place in Fort Benning. The photo was taken at Camp McCoy in Wisconsin where the artillery battalion was activated a little over a year ago and where the troops trained in sub zero weather. (Official U. S. Army Photo—131st Infantry.)

252nd F. A. Men Learned To Handle Guns Quickly

One of the highlights in the brief history of the 252nd Field Artillery battalion of The Infantry School Troops Brigade occurred just about a year ago this week. The Col. L. M. deRiemer, a graduate of West Point in 1929. Col. deRiemer is a former cavalry officer and a graduate of the Training Officers' course of the Cavalry School. He transferred to Field Artillery in 1937 and was graduated from Fort Sill in 1940. He is a native of Washington.

Firing of howitzers is, of course, not unusual even three weeks after the activation of an artillery unit. But it is unusual to take a group of civilians from their draft boards and train them sufficiently well enough so that they can man a battery of howitzers three weeks from the day they exchanged their civilian clothes.

That's what the 252nd did up in Wisconsin. Its personnel consists largely of former Wisconsin. The exceptions are the officers, most of whom were newly graduated from Fort Sill, and the non-commissioned officers who were sent east from Fort Lewis, Washington.

All of the basic training was given within the battalion, which points up the remarkable feat of range firing while still in the early stages of training.

AWAIT WINTER

The 252nd, now located in the Harmony Church area, is looking forward to the winter months and the changes which they offer in living conditions from those experienced last winter. All last winter, which was one of the coldest in Wisconsin's history, the troops trained in sub-zero weather. They often took 25-mile hikes with the temperature 10 below. On one occasion, it reached 32 below zero.

Just before the battalion was ordered to The Infantry School, it passed its battery and battalion tests with high marks.

The battalion boasts a drum and bugle corps. With the 244th Field Artillery, it fielded a base-

1st STR Unit Wins 2 Honors

Returning to their area to find two flags prominently displayed for "Honor Mess" and "Honor Barracks", officers of the 10th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment, applauded Arthur B. Barry, when Captain Arthur R. Barry, commanding the 2nd Battalion's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Irving Lehrfeld, had awarded them both banners.

Any casual observer of this class can spot instantly the high level of esprit de corps and morale reached in the messes of school students. Liteline lawyers are few and far between; beefing is seldom heard. The men just take their assignments, duties and chores, and do them as best they can.

It's two down and an unknown quantity to go now as a second "Graduated Trainees" has become past history. After "taking over their 'GTR'" in map-reading, the class strode into position and outflanked the rifle committee as it threw its dard test. Several high scores were made on the range, ran high, and the officers went through their dry shooting.

Members of this Basic Class are favorably impressed by the practical manner in which The Infantry School presents its subject. Experienced instructors, visual aids, demonstrations, critiques and practical applications force home the topic of discussion.

The weather's sudden change caught several officer-students napping. But not for long. Woolen undershirts blossomed in Georgia's sunny clime, and no one complained of the heat that day. When the changeover to winter wear brought the order, the woolens, which made fond adieu to khaki for the duration of their course.

The Band Played On As Musico Becomes A Papa

Sgt. Harry Haines' Advertising Regiment band was entertaining at the Main Officers' Club last Thursday night—but for the first time in the history of the band, Haines was not there.

Haines was stamping up and down the hallways of the Main Officers' Club. At ten p. m. he was a father. The safe arrival of Harry, Jr., means that Haines will be back with his Infantry School orchestra when it plays at the Polo Hotel Club Saturday night and at the Main Officers' Club Sunday.

"I'll let Harry be a senator from Virginia first," the regiment's file clerk and band leader says, "until he's 35 when he wants to be a president—unless he wants to be a famous band leader."

The Fort Benning soldier who plays the bugle in the band and can say a lot in three minutes. And the briefer his conversation, the more calls can be completed—which means better service for everyone.

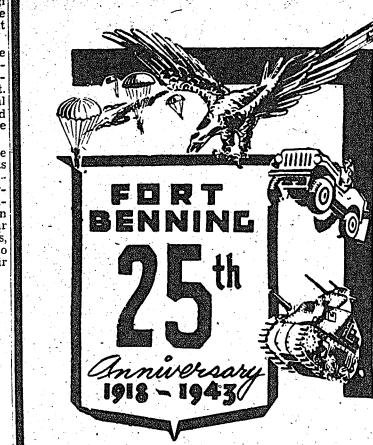
Voters' League Urges Army Wives To Join Unit

More Army wives are urged to join the ranks of those who have already associated themselves with the Columbus League of Women Voters. A study group of the problems of foreign policy and post-war planning is being conducted by Mrs. Wilson M. Stone, an Army wife who was recently elected president of the League.

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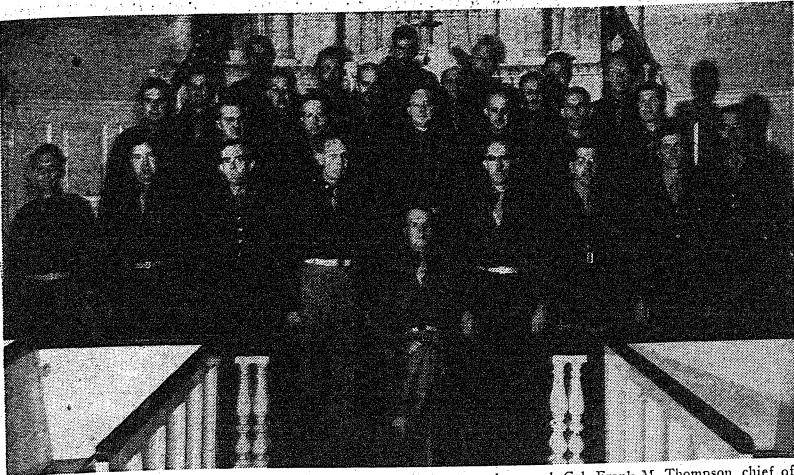
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FORT BENNING'S CORPS OF CHAPLAINS are pictured above grouped around Col. Frank M. Thompson, chief of chaplains. From left to right are: Front row: Chaplains A. F. Robaczewski, first lieutenant, Station Complement; Luke W. Crawford, first lieutenant, Lawson Field; Glenn S. Reddick, first lieutenant, First Student Training Regiment; Alfred L. Pollock, major, assistant chief of chaplains; Col. Thompson; Frederick W. Helfer, captain, First Student Training Regiment; Robert Alexander, first lieutenant, First Parachute Training Regiment; John F. Fitzpatrick, first lieutenant, 53rd General Hospital, and John Baergen, first lieutenant, Fifth Regiment, ASTP. Second row: Chaplains George A. Ritchey, captain, Fourth Regiment, ASTP; Theodore Bachelor, first lieutenant, Sixth Regiment, ASTP; Herman A. Michelke, first lieutenant, First Parachute Training Regiment; William H. Hunt, captain, assistant to chief of chaplains; Norman L. Davidson, first lieutenant, Fourth Regiment, ASTP; Thomas G. Proctor, captain, Station Hospital, and George L. Forney, first lieutenant, Lawson Field. Third row: Chaplains R. A. MacEadden, first lieutenant, Prisoner of War Internment Camp; Clement Krug, first lieutenant, Station Complement; John H. Olsen, first lieutenant, General Hospital; Prince E. Turner, first lieutenant, 269th Station Hospital; Samson A. Shain, captain, Jewish chaplain, and Charles Daniels, first lieutenant, 300th Infantry. Back row: Chaplains A. B. Billman, captain, Third Student Training Regiment; Edwin C. Willson, captain, Sixth Training Regiment, ASTP; Walter A. Shine, first lieutenant, Station Hospital No. 2, and J. D. Jancz, first lieutenant, 300th Infantry. (Official U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo).

Post Chaplain's Corps Mushrooms During Past Thirty-Month Period

Ten Chapels, 25 Chaplains Now Serve Benning's Spiritual Needs

When Colonel Frank M. Thompson assumed his present assignment as chief of chaplains less than two and one-half years ago at Fort Benning, there was but one chapel on the Main Post having a complement of three chaplains and serving all faiths.

Today Col. Thompson supervises a staff of 25 chaplains, and there are 10 chapels on the Main Post. In addition, the colonel has another 15 chaplains who are assigned to units stationed on the post who look to his office for guidance.

Chaplains of all faiths work under Col. Thompson. Father of captain, supervises the work of William H. Hunt, holding the rank of Catholic chaplains on the post.

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O. C. Reminisces Over His Alaska Duty Tour

It was cold in the “reading room” of the barracks after lights out, even with all the windows closed.

“I flunk out, hope they send me back overseas,” OC Elmo Gelinei of the Sixth Company, Third Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School, pipes up.

“Where were you?” asks one OC, continuing to stare fixedly at the “Alaska.” A general shiver went down the rows.

“In Anchorage, 60 miles from Kiska, it was worse. We got 25 pounds of coal a day to heat a five-man frame tent.” OC Gelinei added, enjoying himself. Incidentally, he pronounces it “Jel-ee-nee” but doesn't anything you like, as long as you don't call me ‘tater for supper’.”

“He had some swell flying on Anchorage. One Liberator had the front wheel of his tricycle landing gear shot off and if she tried to land, she would bounce on her nose and turn, so the crew got orders to bring in with the tail wheel first. The plane got. The instant pilot was finally given a reluctant OK over the radio to try to bring her down with the crew packed in her tail as a counter-weight. The pilot made eight turns over the field and then five more turns around a lot of gas tanks. Then he made it swell landing. Both the ambulance and the fire-wagon were ready, but luckily they weren't needed.

“One guy who deserved the Congressional medal was the pilot of a PBY patrol plane. He shot those down, got ducked. He picked up seven survivors from a plane in Kiska harbor, with Jap guns blazing around, and never a scratch.

AVE 'EM HELL

“The Army really got hell on Kiska one time from one of our lieutenants.

“They gave him permission to take out a dozen planes to try out a bunch. The Japs, naturally, had their AA defenses pointing out over Kiska. He headed toward Kiska. The lieutenant took the planes out around and past Kiska—when Jap detectors heard them, they assumed the planes were headed farther west for Attu. Then the lieutenant pulled back, and came in for a low-altitude pass on Kiska from the north, through a valley between two mountains. The Jap AA guns were all pointed the other way. That attack did as much damage as the last dozen raids.

“It was really cold, when we first got to Kiska. After two months before Pearl Harbor—we didn't expect to be in the Philippines.

“They didn't expect us at Kodaki; there were no rations and no quarters, so we slept in garages until we put up our own frame tents. Then the weather went one better than the Bible and it dropped for 48 days.

“The local inhabitants, really took to the Japs. They stole their fish and their seals. Even the Eskimos hated them. The Saturday before Pearl Harbor we had a party for two dogfaces who were quitting the Army. When they went on the 28th, when we heard the news next day that Pearl Harbor had been bombed we couldn't believe it. Things started humming then.

“Only 1200 people live in Kodaki, and prices went sky-high. You paid as much as \$100 for three bucks for a meal.

“We did some hunting in our spare time. The Kodiak bear is the largest bear in the world—it stands 10 feet on its haunches. Esquire's Petty was up there for some hunting.

“From there we went to Adak and then to Attu. We had our first bombing attack as the Japs came into the harbor. Two Jap bombers came over. We were below deck and feeling pretty tense. Then some of the guys started wisecracking, and we started taking the bombing as a big joke—some of the boys were even going to bet as to whether we would be hit.

“We were wet clothes for six days after the landing, until supplies started to come in. The Japs bombed us 13 times during the first month, with planes based on Kiska.

LITTLE RECREATION
“Recreation was hard to come by. We were 1000 miles from nearest woman, or PX, or even tree. We had some books, and my month-old copy of LIFE was a prized treasure in the whole company.

“Duck-hunting was forbidden, because the state would put the gun on the alert. But when those Jap planes came over a bunch of guys would go down to the beach and shoot ducks—while those AA guns were blazing, no one could hear a few rifle shots. Good excuse. I was chosen for OCS and sent back to Seattle by plane. Was good to get back to some warm weather. But I was disillusioned in Seattle. There was none or that comradeship among soldiers and civilians we had gotten used to up there.

“Although I have 75 days' leave coming to me—and if I graduate I will never get them—I got five days' delay en route to see my family in Holliday's Cove, W. Va., after 20 months. I was graduated there from Weirton High in 1933 and turned down a football scholarship because I wanted to be ‘independent.’ We were four brothers, and from 1928 to 1940 a Gelinei played football every year for Weirton High. The young ones are now at West Point.”

Gelinei was feeling for a cigarette when one GI asked whether he had been given any decorations.

“Yes. They gave me the American Defense bar, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign bar, the Food Con-duct Medal and the American Theatre of Operations bar.

“I was a staff sergeant. I could wear them, but not here. You'd think I'd have some scars to show after all those months. But all I have is this cut here on my lip—and I got that in Seattle a couple of months ago playing football. I hit my head and bashed his head into my teeth.”

The GI wanted to know whether Gelinei really wanted to go back to Alaska.

“Well, as a matter of fact I would like to see Europe. The folks came from Italy before they became Americans 40 years ago, and it would be nice to see the old country again. It looks like.”

“Yeah,” the GI commented. “It would be a lot warmer than Alaska . . . or even this darned place.”

TIS Wac Detachment Completes 1st 6 Months

The first WAC Detachment to be assigned to The Infantry School completed its first eight months of service here yesterday and the second detachment is now in its sixth week at this station.

In the time they have been here, they have demonstrated efficient aptitude for the duties assigned them.

“A few weeks ago, the WACs were assigned to duty in the Harmony Church installations of The Infantry School. But when the new detachment arrived, it was promptly put to work at the Second Army Artillery School.

Under a new re-organization, the Harmony Church Detachment is known as Section One, WAC Detachment of The Infantry School. The Detachment located on the Main Post is known as Section Two, WAC Detachment of The Infantry School. The latter is not to be confused with the Section One of the Main Post WAC Detachment.

ARRIVED APRIL 10
The Harmony Church Detachment, on the 24th, was first commanded by Lt. Letitia Gentile when it arrived April 10. It numbered over 100. Its members were assigned to duties in the various

offices of the Student Training Brigade and Second and Third Regiments, at the Officers' Club and guest houses, Service Club and Dental Clinic.

Lt. Gentile was succeeded by Lt. Eleanor Wildes and still later by the present commander, Lt. Doris Hough. It was formerly assigned to the Third Regiment for administration and management like the Number One Section, is now assigned to the Academic Regiment.

The Second Section, commanded by Capt. Capt. Janet Nash, arrived Oct. 1, after a tour of duty with the Second Army Artillery School. It was first assigned to the Main Post.

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“It was really cold, when we first got to Kiska. After two months before Pearl Harbor—we didn't expect to be in the Philippines. They didn't expect us at Kodaki; there were no rations and no quarters, so we slept in garages until we put up our own frame tents. Then the weather went one better than the Bible and it dropped for 48 days.

“The local inhabitants, really took to the Japs. They stole their fish and their seals. Even the Eskimos hated them. The Saturday before Pearl Harbor we had a party for two dogfaces who were quitting the Army. When they went on the 28th, when we heard the news next day that Pearl Harbor had been bombed we couldn't believe it. Things started humming then.

Only 1200 people live in Kodaki, and prices went sky-high. You paid as much as \$100 for three bucks for a meal.

We did some hunting in our spare time. The Kodiak bear is the largest bear in the world—it stands 10 feet on its haunches. Esquire's Petty was up there for some hunting.

From there we went to Adak and then to Attu. We had our first bombing attack as the Japs came into the harbor. Two Jap bombers came over. We were below deck and feeling pretty tense. Then some of the guys started wisecracking, and we started taking the bombing as a big joke—some of the boys were even going to bet as to whether we would be hit.

We were wet clothes for six days after the landing, until supplies started to come in. The Japs bombed us 13 times during the first month, with planes based on Kiska.

LITTLE RECREATION

“Recreation was hard to come by. We were 1000 miles from nearest woman, or PX, or even tree. We had some books, and my month-old copy of LIFE was a prized treasure in the whole company.

“Duck-hunting was forbidden, because the state would put the gun on the alert. But when those Jap planes came over a bunch of guys would go down to the beach and shoot ducks—while those AA guns were blazing, no one could hear a few rifle shots. Good excuse. I was chosen for OCS and sent back to Seattle by plane. Was good to get back to some warm weather. But I was disillusioned in Seattle. There was none or that comradeship among soldiers and civilians we had gotten used to up there.

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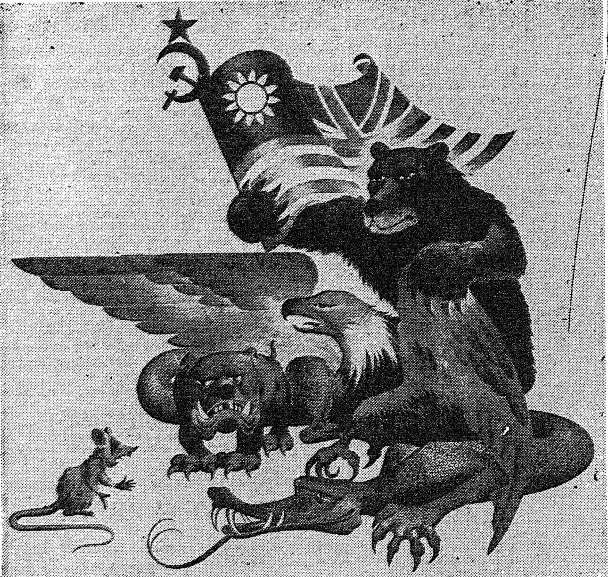
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Billeting Office Proves There's Always Room for One More

It's true that there's always room for one more. The Billeting Office of Fort Benning proves it several times a day by squeezing one more person and the another and still another into overfilling Columbus.

Washington gets all the publicity about over-taxed housing facilities, but conditions around Fort Benning equal anything in the war-crowded capital. And it's up to the Billeting Office to solve the housing problem as it affects personnel at the post.

Capt. John A. White, Billeting Officer, and his staff have the job of finding quarters for military personnel stationed at Fort Benning. The instructions are: anything is available—tents and hutsments for troops, to rooms, houses and apartments for married officers, non-coms and soldiers.

The post's war-bomb population long ago overflowed from the post itself into Columbus and vicinity. There are still no more family quarters on the post than there were when only 5,000 men were stationed here, so the large majority of the married officers and non-coms must live in the post.

Families stationed on the post are assigned according to the post's needs. Those who must be on call at all hours, such as doctors, are given precedence.

SATURATION POINT

By any peacetime measurement the saturation point in housing in Columbus was reached a long time ago. Even by wartime standards, the town is classed as badly overcrowded. Vacant houses are few and unattractive; they are rented well in advance of their occupants' moving. The best that a new resident can hope for is a furnished room, usually with maid service.

But new officers and their families continue to arrive, and they have to have a place to live. To find rooms for them, the Billeting Office has a downtown office at 12th Street and 10th Avenue.

Thus the focal point for army wives seeking rooms for themselves, and for officers and soldiers hunting quarters for their families. The office keeps lists of rooms for rent in Columbus, notwithstanding restrictions imposed by landlords. Many rooms are barred to couples with children or pets, so parents and pet owners are sent to see only the rooms where no such objections are raised.

Find of available rooms is always woefully short, but so far the office has always been able to find shelter of some kind for every person who has appealed for help. The office has cooperated in finding rooms for transients and in getting temporary quarters for new residents until they locate permanent rooms.

NEAR MISSES

But in maintaining its perfect record of always finding rooms, the Billeting Office has had some near misses. Some people have had to go to other towns as far away as 40 miles to find living quarters.

The closest thing to complete failure involved a soldier's young wife and baby. She arrived in Columbus late one afternoon, worn out from two days of travel, and a crooked landlord who one of those times when the supply of rooms had almost disappeared, and neither the Billeting Office nor USO could locate a landlord who would take in a small baby, even for a night.

Finally the girl remembered the name of a Columbus minister who was a friend of someone in her home town. The Billeting Office staff got in touch with him and explained the circumstances, and the minister and his wife took the girl and her baby into their home until they could locate a permanent room.

For some time, the office had a system of assigning numbers to

Tunisian Hero Reports To TIS

Captain Harris Has Silver Star and DSC

Capt. Richard L. Harris, hero of Tunisia and Sicily, has reported to the Second Company of the First Student Training Regiment to attend the officers advanced course at the Infantry School.

Recipient of the Silver Star and Distinguished Service Cross in Tunisia, Captain Harris led a platoon of American troops ashore to establish the first American beach-head at Oran. As platoon leader and later company commander of a heavy weapons company in the toughly trained "Fighting First" Infantry Division, he turned from the subdued Vichy French to fight the bitterly resolute Germans in Tunisia.

Driving the Afrika Korps steadily toward its doom on the bloody beaches of Bizerte, Captain Harris was in the thick of the Tunisian battles—Ousselout, Kasserine Pass, Gafsa, El Guettar and Mateur.

As a front-line officer of the American Fifth Army that helped push the Axis out of Sicily, he fought without let-up for 26 days,

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Post Exchange More Than Doubles Personnel To Meet Fort's Need

Physical Plant Also Expanded To Overcome Manpower Shortage

The Post Exchange management the past eighteen months has geared an ever-expanding program to meet the needs of an ever-expanding population at Fort Benning, according to information released this week by Lt. Col. H. E. McGaffey, chief of the local branch of Army Post Exchanges.

In April, 1942, the report states, there were 48 branches, 456 civilian employees, and that did a little of Doughboy Stadium.

The exchange office is now less than half the volume of repeat business that are doing now. April to December, 1942, the trend was upward, averaging almost a third more per month. From January to August, 1943, inclusive, the business moved another 33 per cent, August showing the same for that date, with 1,054 civilian employees.

At this time there are 1,260 civilian employees and the business has advanced another 10 per cent.

During the latter part of the report states several definite improvements were made including the opening of the grocery store June 8, in the old Biglerville mess hall, following its destruction by fire May 26; establishment of the watch and jewelry repair shop and the purchase of modern equipment for the main post office in August; the new cafeteria, soda shop and office building on Ingersoll and Wood avenues.

Improvements and changes were even greater for Fort Benning's PX in 1943 than the previous nine months, the report continues. All activities have been moved out of

the south stands and north tower

The exchange office is now housed in the new office rooms over the new cafeteria, the soda shop is on the ground floor of the same building, with entrances on Ingersoll and on Wood avenues, while the old restaurant in the Service Club building is now the new cafeteria in its own building.

CHANGES MADE

The uniform store, tailor shop, repair shop, beauty parlor and the shoe and hair repair shop are now located near the Main Building in a converted warehouse.

The carpenter shop and general PX are now located just north of the old Main Theater building, and the beer warehouse has been segregated from the old stock room and occupies a new building of its own, allowing a necessary expansion of the warehouse for the increased business.

A uniform department has been added to branch in the Remondy Church area, rendering a very fine service for the OC students, officers and men of that area, it is stated.

A victory garden, started in

Lucky To Be Guests of Three Arts League

With the distribution of 200 free season tickets to Fort Benning soldiers on a pro rata basis, the 20,000 members of Maj. Gen. Lindsey McDonald Silverman's "Lucky 7th" Armored division will have the opportunity of enjoying this winter's series of Columbus Three Arts League concerts in Jordan high school auditorium.

Mrs. Winifred Baker, senior on the Main Post, and the area selected is one on Wold Avenue which at the time included only the Howard Bus Depot. To that locality came the Main PX, a store with modern fixtures and display cases; then another public utility, the news, clothing and district of some magazines, a barber and shoe repair shop, and a hat and shoe repair shop. This will be expanded as need and convenience dictate, it is stated.

"Three departments," Colonel McGaffey states, "are particularly outstanding in our expanded service department where OC students, officers, and men have a chance to get a big cut in the price of uniforms: the grocery department where officers living on the post with their families have a chance to buy some dividends, and the Patio ever with the beer gardens, which have done so much in keeping the men on the post with good entertainment."

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hostess at the Sand Hill service club will have a limited number of tickets for 7th Armored music lovers after Nov. 12, although season tickets may be secured from either Mrs. Bass Lewis, president of Three Arts League or Mrs. Edgar Bullock, membership chairman before that time.

Program for the series is Nov. 18—James Melton, Metropolitan tenor; Dec. 10—Helen Howe, solo dramatist; Jan. 11—Ruth Draper and Larry Adler, world-famous tapdancer and harmonica player; Feb. 14—Samrona, pianist.

Catherine de Medici is credited with the establishment of the French perfume industry in

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Women Keep 'em Rolling In Ordnance MM Shop

Ladies in Overalls Enlisted As Boom Hits Fort Benning

The grease-stained, overalled figures under the trucks in the Ordnance automotive group shops at Fort Benning look pretty much alike at a casual glance. But look again. The one under that ton-and-a-half is a woman. So is the one further down the shop who is working on a jeep.

There are others in the technical department, in the parts and tool rooms, in the tire warehouse, in the upholstery repair department, the radiator repair shop, and the paint shop.

Throughout the maintenance department, women are helping to "Keep 'em Rolling."

They are a part of the forces which service Fort Benning's fleet of 4,000 trucks, cars and sedans, jeeps, planes and trailers. The shops, which are operated under the general direction of Col. Charles Carlton, commanding officer of the Motor Transport District, and under the supervision of Capt. M. A. Shumate, maintenance officer, repair all the vehicles on the post.

The shops first hired women as machinists in March, when it became impossible to get sufficient men. Now they are being employed in jobs ranging from messengers to mechanics, and the quality of their work earns them high praise from their male bosses.

As mechanics' helpers, they are tops with O. O. Goodson, superintendent of maintenance, who would rather have women than men for the job.

The women, who range in age from 12 to 16, are civil service employees. Many are wives of soldiers, and one has two sons in the navy.

Most of them learned their trades working in the shop, but most have attended some kind of technical or vocational school. Some of the most satisfactory workers in the shops are women from Columbus and other towns who have sent to an army auto mechanics school at Cisco, Texas, and returned a few weeks ago to take over jobs in the plant.

They fit one of the shop's main needs—trained women who are expected to stay on the job. Many of the first women employed were wives of soldiers stationed temporarily at Fort Benning, and when their husbands left, they followed, leaving service gaps in the personnel ranks. Now, however, there is a place in the shop for more women, the preference is for permanent residents of the area.

Two Columbus sisters, Mary and Edna Dill, attended the school at Cisco and are now engaged in general repair, especially engine and transmission work.

Both are mechanics' helpers, like their work, and intend to stay with it.

MORE ADEPT THAN MEN

Mrs. Edith Eubanks does one job in the electrical repair shop at which she is quite proficient, more adept than men. This is the cleaning, testing and adjusting of voltage regulators, which keep the electricity in a truck at the proper voltage. The job involves tedious precision work of the type which men do.

Mrs. Irene Glass, who has two



"WHO DO I SEE FOR A FURLough?"

Woman's Club Looks Back On 20 Years of Service

The second woman's club to be organized on any army post, the Fort Benning Woman's Club has for twenty years successfully endeavored to foster a spirit of friendliness and comradeship among army women. Throughout the years since its organization it has reflected the changing interests of army wives, just as its scrap book shows the growth of Benning from a "temporary camp of shanties and tents" to the mighty Fort Benning of today.

The club started out as a small study club composed of twelve members who found their afternoons of reading and discussion "quite worth while," according to a resume of the club written in 1928 by Mrs. W. L. Vincent, the first president. It was eventually turned into a Woman's Club with Mrs. Alfred Bjornson as president.

The club grew in membership, it also grew in scope. In 1925 departmental groups were formed so that the members of the Interests could study and work together. An Arts and Crafts Group was organized under the leadership of Mrs. Albert Heisley. The Home Economics Club, under the leadership of Mrs. Ruth K. Kline and Mrs. Anna L. Scott, studied the theory and practiced the "art of home management and cookery." The Literary Club, under the direction of Mrs. Philip B. Peyton, studied contemporary literature of that time.

As the club grew in membership, so did the activities. In 1928 the club officers for the year 1928-44 are working under serious handicaps. Personnel changes rapidly, both in membership and among officers and group chairmen. Mrs. Harold E. Potter, president, and chairman of the Home Economics Club, is an integral part of Fort Benning and should be continued against any odds. The club actively sponsors Red Cross activities, many of its most prominent members being the members of the Red Cross. The club continues to hold a general meeting on the first Monday of each month, when officers' wives hear outstanding programs and where those old and new to the army have an opportunity to become acquainted.

Instrumental in keeping the Woman's Club active throughout the years are the following women, whose wise and inspiring leadership as presidents of the Woman's Club of Fort Benning has done much to bring the club to its present position. Alfred Bjornson, 1928-29; Mrs. Philip B. Peyton, 1929-30; Mrs. Charles Hunt, 1931-32; Mrs. E. G. Peyton, 1932-33; Mrs. Philip W. Scott, 1933-34; Mrs. McCullough, 1934-35; Mrs. W. G. Livesey, 1935-37; Mrs. J. W. Moreland, 1937-38; Mrs. A. M. Patch, 1938-39; Mrs. John R. Eden, 1939-40; Mrs. Roger B. Harrison, 1940-41; Mrs. Charles H. Owen, 1941-42; Mrs. Reginald H. Kelley, 1942-43.

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Mrs. Bonesteel At Red Cross Auxiliary Helm

First lady of The Infantry School and mistress of her home, she has been honored for years. Mrs. Charles H. Bonesteel enters on her new duties as chairman of the Fort Benning Auxiliary of the Muscogee County Chapter of the Red Cross with enthusiasm.

She has two children. Their son, Capt. Charles H. Bonesteel, III, is a lieutenant colonel in the Engineers, and is now serving overseas. Mrs. N. C. Ohman, their daughter, is married to a colonel in the air corps, and now lives in Washington, D. C. A niece, Mrs. Margaret H. Bonesteel, has been assigned to Fort Benning and will spend the winter here.

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she was living with her daughter, and she is eager to catch up on her war work.

Mrs. Bonesteel, wife of Maj. Gen. Bonesteel, commanding of The Infantry School, has arrived and is staying at the development of the Red Cross on the post. This is her first stay at Fort Benning where she had been active previously in the literary section of the Woman's Club and in the social dressings section of the Red Cross.

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Silhouettes of the various types of planes, both downed and flying, were used by staff members of the G-3 Air section, under the immediate command of Capt. W. G. Moeller.

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131st Infantry Is Baby Of TIS Demonstrators

'Dandy First' History Offers Catalog Of Well-Done Duties

Latest of the infantry units to be assigned to the School Troops Brigade as a demonstration unit is the 131st Regiment, a national guard outfit from the Chicago district. It has, however, a large number of men from Metropolitan New York.

The 131st is quartered in Hartman Church in the old 124th Infantry area.

The history of the 131st is a catalog of well-done duties performed. The organization of the 131st Infantry, then known as the First Illinois Infantry, was started in August, 1874, and completed in December, 1875. Later it was redesignated the First Illinois Volunteers.

"The Dandy First" has played a significant role in every call to duty since it came into being, and its well beloved dead rest on battlefields in Cuba and in France wherever the defense of our Star Spangled Banner called them. Their names are inscribed in shining letters on the Honor Roll of heroic dead.

The first meeting looking to the organization of a regiment in Chicago in 1874 was in response to a

call in the newspapers inviting all young men interested in the formation of a military organization to meet at the Grand Pacific Hotel. At the next meeting, two weeks later at the Sherman House, three companies were organized. A. Company was admitted. A. Company reported their organization complete. Next came Co. D, in October of the same year. Companies E and F were admitted. In December, Companies G and H were added. General Sherman, who had been the colonel commanding, having resigned, Alexander C. McClurg was elected Lt. Colonel. In March, 1875, Company H was added.

When the battle of Maine was fought in 1898, this regiment was so well and favorably known that there was a rush to join it, which rapidly filled up the companies to a war footing and left a waiting list besides.

FIGHT SPAIN

On the 15th of May, 1898, the regiment was sent to the central camp of mobilization at Chickamauga, Ga. On June 30, the regiment embarked for Cuba. On July 10 they marched into the battle line and stayed there until the Spanish surrendered, until the Spaniards recognized the inevitable and surrendered. The regiment was sent back to the United States on the 25th of August and was mustered out of service in November, 1898.

June 19, 1916, when intervention seemed imminent in Mexico, the "Dandy First," answered the call, was mobilized and sent to Texas. On October 5, 1916, the regiment embarked for Chicago. Five months later, on March 28, 1917, another call came for the regiment. On October 10, 1917, the regiment was redesignated the 131st Infantry and went into training for overseas duty. It arrived in France May 30th. It wasn't mustered out of service until June 4, 1919. Reorganized as the First Infantry and redesignated the 131st Infantry, December 13, 1921.

WORLD WAR RECORD
The regiment, record in the World War is remarkable. It served along the entire front in the following armies and corps: First, Second, and Third American Armies; Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth American Corps; French and British Armies; British 10th and 11th Corps; Australian Fourth Corps; French Second Army; French 17th Corps, and French



G.I.'S IN THE 131ST INFANTRY take care of their own hair-cutting problem in the fashion shown above. Pvt. Augustin Gutierrez, Pvt. Angelo Favuzza and T-5 Carroll Swecker are the G.I. barbers shown operating on the locks of soldiers' customers on the regiment's PX barber shop, one of two maintained within the regiment. Profits from the shop go into the Special Service Fund. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

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131st Infantry Settles Down to Its Chores

Service as instructors and demonstration troops will be the primary mission of the 131st Infantry for the next six months or more, it was announced by Major General J. P. Prile, First Army, at Fort Benning. The 131st is the newest regiment to be added to the Infantry School Troops.

"We are school troops of The Infantry School, Major Thomas informed the troops. "We will be used to assist the students in the instruction of Officers and Officers' Candidates in the latest approved method of combat and instruction."

Stressing the vital importance of our mission and the honor attached to being chosen as a demonstration regiment in the largest and best Infantry School in the Army, the regiment settled into its new home.

BASIC TRAINING
March 5, 1941, found the 131st Infantry in their armor in Chicago, being sworn into Federal service again. Under the command of Col. John M. Richmond, the regiment reported to its armor in the 13th Armored Division. War was not in the thoughts of the majority of the men as they reported for service. But there was an emergency decree by the President, and the Dandy First Regiment responded to the call to duty. They fought in the American war, the Mexican Border Campaign and World War I.

The first few weeks of service found the regiment in Chicago preparing for their initial move to Camp Forrest, Tenn., where they were to join the 33rd Division.

An advance detachment left Chicago on March 18th to prepare the way for the main body, which arrived about a week later. Mud was the order of the day at Camp Forrest, first month, as the regiment settled into its new armor and prepared to undertake an intensive training program.

MEET TUNE UP

With the arrival of the first group of recruits in April, the 131st settled down to intensive training. This lasted until August when the Dandy First broke camp with the rest of the division to take part in the Second Army maneuvers.

For two months the 131st boys traveled the Arkansas and Texas border, performing heroic marches, and rainy bivouacs, practicing the art of war.

Returning to Camp Forrest early in October, the regiment greeted a new commanding officer, Col. John T. McAnsh. Under his command the regiment entrained for Chicago in November to take part in a divisional parade down Michigan Avenue on Armistice Day.

GRIM BUSINESS

Back in Forrest the regiment reacted to the news of Pearl Harbor with determination to prepare to fight. Gone were the thoughts that "we'll get our year

that must be observed "if we are to accomplish our mission."

They are:

1. Be punctual.

2. Be in prescribed uniform with required equipment.

3. Watch all the details of military courtesy.

4. Cooperate fully with the instructor in every detail.

5. Maintain a soldierly appearance before the students. Remember that hundreds of Officers of all ranks will watch you in action and discuss your faults and mistakes.

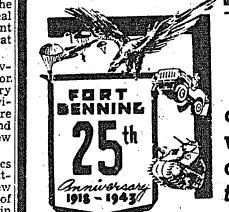
Two other Regiments are sharing this duty with our Regiment,

Sergeant Floyd Off to School

Staff Sgt. Robert L. Floyd, operations clerk of the 4th Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Special Troops, Second Army, at Fort Benning, has been selected by his commanding officer, Major Ned R. McRae, to attend the command and general administration enlisted course at the Adjutant General's School at Fort Washington, Md., it was announced by Colonel George E. Jacobs, commanding officer of the Fourth Detachment, Special Troops, Second Army, at Fort Benning.

Before enlisting in the service, Sgt. Floyd was employed by a supplies company in LaGrange, Ga.

the 300th Infantry and the 176th Infantry.



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O. C. Lived Under Nazi Threat In Cairo, Egypt

When Candidate E. J. Doyle of the Seventh Company, Third Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, left New York harbor on the troop transport in June, 1942, for duty in the Middle East, Rommel and his forces Africa Krops had been 100 miles from the banks of the Nile. But at the time Doyle's ship docked at Suez, the "Desert Fox" had fought his way to El Alamein, less than 60 miles from Alexandria.

Doyle's small group was rushed from Suez to Cairo and was billeted at an airfield outside the city. During Doyle's second night in Egypt, Jerry sent over a small bombing force to smash up the airfield. Doyle said that within a few seconds after being snapped out of a sound sleep by the roar of bombs struck down to crash on the field.

"The bombing force was pitifully small," Doyle said, "less than 10 planes, but it seemed to me the greatest air armada in the world was hell-bent on giving me a noisy welcome to Egypt."

Doyle says Cairo is an exciting place any time, but during the period that the regiment was there, the city was a virtual madhouse of activity. Soldiers from every Allied nation were there, some recently arrived reinforcements and others part of the force which had fallen back from Rommel's advance.

Military personnel went armed at all times, Doyle said. It was not uncommon to see soldiers going into restaurants, theaters and other public places wearing side-arms or carrying rifles and Tommy guns in all preparation against any attempted landing of Nazi paratroopers.

Tension was dissipated with Rommel's defeat at El Alamein and while Cairo still was full of soldiers, the city lost much of its grim spirit and nervous anxiety. Americans were everywhere and Doyle hazard the prediction that an armistice at some future date will be puzzled to find a GI overnight-pass among ancient doc-

uments in some Pharaoh's tomb. "If you drink of the Nile you will return," goes an old saying and Doyle says that applies to him. He hopes for the arrival of the day when he can return to Egypt to meet friends he made there and witness again the glorious desert sunsets.

EARLY ASSIGNED HERE
Stephen Tyree Early, Jr., 21-year-old son of the secretary to President Roosevelt, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States at The Infantry School this week. And the proudest person in the assembly was his father, Stephen, who witnessed the graduation of young Early's class was his father, Lt. Col. Early has been assigned to 4th Training Regiment.

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Army Wives Render Red Cross Great Assistance

Ever-changing, yet ever-growing, the Fort Benning Auxiliary of the Muscogee County Red Cross goes on aiding those who need its aid. Each one of the Volunteer Special Services of the Auxiliary is performing a real and definite service, and performing it well.

An added impetus has been given the hundreds of women who must be sponsored by a senior member of the Auxiliary by the en-Gray Lady, must be an American citizen and a member of the Red Cross and must have the well-balanced type of personality which is so necessary in building the morale of the sick and convalescent.

STAFF ASSISTANCE

Twenty women, under the supervision of Mrs. Marinus Bronkhorst, act as volunteer workers in the Staff Assistance Corps. Dressed in the regulation commando blue uniform with the yellow epaulettes, they are the eyes and ears behind the information desk at the Red Cross work room, doing electrical or stenographic work at the Red Cross Administration Building, or filling out applications at the blood bank. Theirs is a continuing concern involves the workings of the Red Cross, in order that they may answer questions accurately, and they must put in seventy-five hours of duty a year in order to maintain an active status.

MOTOR CORPS

Driving mothers and new babies home from the Station Hospital, driving convalescent surgical patients, driving up donors to the blood bank, driving expectant mothers from outlying towns to the clinic, picking up discarded magazines and delivering them to day rooms and service clubs, these are some of the many services performed by members of the Motor Corps. Before being permitted to wear their smart blue-gray uniforms and overseas caps, these women must have taken courses in Standard and Advanced First Aid and in Motor Maintenance. In addition, they are asked to take supplementary courses in map reading, ambulance drill, and attend lectures on gases and bombs.

The Motor Corps is headed by a captain and four lieutenants, who have been chosen for good judgment, resourcefulness, and qualities of leadership. Mrs. W. L. Starnes is now serving as captain. Their ranks thinned to twenty by recent departures, the Motor Corps plans another course soon to increase the number of those qualified to wear the green epaulet of its corps.

PRODUCTION

Sewing or knitting steadily, post women, under the direction of Mrs. J. R. N. Weaver turn out an amazing number of articles for use of our soldiers, and for the needy. Olive drab or blue yarn, given out by the Red Cross work room with full knitting instructions, are turned into hats, gloves, caps, mittens, socks, garters—all articles appreciated by soldiers stationed in cold climates. With the demand for such articles steadily increasing, and with supplies soon to be increased, Mrs. Weaver has issued a call for more knitters.

All knitting is done at home.



Capt. James B. Sweeney, 1st Prize, Bond Cartoons, \$25 War Bond

However, the group meets to sew on Thursdays, from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, at the Work Room. Boys' shirts are now being made, and 500 pairs of slippers for men in the hospital have been requested.

Realizing that ninety per cent of surgical dressings for combat forces must be made by volunteers, the surgical dressing unit works skillfully week in and week out. So far in 1943, its members have made 172,500 dressings, which have gone to medical supply depots for distribution, and to the Station Hospital. Women drop in for an hour or two, or perhaps come in groups to spend the entire morning on a task which requires much meticulous stitching work.

Workers, who must wear cotton dresses and a cotton covering for their hair, are under the direction of supervisors and inspectors who inspect all dressings before they are packed by a head packer and her assistants. In order to meet the demands of uniform and navy epaulets of the surgical dressings section, workers must put in 100 hours making dressings. Their cap is square of white material, centered with a red cross. Mrs. William Denman is chairman.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

Most of the work of the Junior Red Cross is done for the Station Hospital. Under the direction of Mrs. J. D. Rosenberger, Fort Benning grade school children make holiday favors for sick and convalescent soldiers, and are now busy on decorations for the Christmas tree. The Christmas boxes go to children overseas. The boxes are donated by the Red Cross, but the contents are given by the children. They consist of toys, soap, wash rags, tooth paste, hard candies, and other items which are less bounteous countries may lack.

The Junior Red Cross enrollment, held November 1 of each year, finds each child bringing his penny, dime or dollar for a 100 per cent enrollment.

HOME NURSES

Courses in Home Nursing are also given by the auxiliary. These courses are of great value to these days when the supply of nurses and doctors is inadequate, and have proven of great help to many a mother when confronted with illness in the family.

Mrs. Isaac G. Walker, secretary of the auxiliary, is arranging for another course to be given in a short time.

First courses to aid in reducing the number of accidents and to educate persons in knowledge of first aid, are also given by the Fort Benning Auxiliary.

A course in Standard First Aid and one in Advanced First Aid have recently been completed, and more courses will be given as the need arises. Mrs. R. L. Tuttle is chairman.

BLOOD BANK

The Fort Benning Auxiliary has twice brought the mobile unit of the blood bank to the post. So far, it has been each visit that on its next visit, December 15, donations will be increased from 170 pints of blood daily to 240 pints.

A larger force of workers will be brought from Atlanta, and beds will be increased from ten to twenty.

It is during the blood bank that Red Cross volunteer workers best demonstrate that they can work efficiently, and work together.

Paid workers are supplemented by an equal number of volunteers who go about their appointed rounds with dispatch. Gray Ladies, staff assistants, motor corps workers—all work long hours, and are eager to contribute their services the next time the blood bank comes around. In addition, canner workers and nurses also working through the Muscogee county chapter give their time and labor.

ALSO IN TOWN

Naturally his work brought him into contact with many persons in Columbus, so that he extended his acquaintance far beyond the boundaries of Fort Benning.

When the Public Relations Office was able to put more emphasis on radio programs, naturally Sgt. Neu was right on hand because he was one of the few persons on the post at the time who had had any experience with the ether band.

So he soon found himself with another job—that of being the

DAIRY PRACTICES

Home demonstration club members of Gray county are interested in improving their dairy practices, Miss Nell Thrash, home demonstration agent, says.

Eight clubs have had demonstrations in making good butter and in care and cleanliness in handling dairy products.

515ers Feast Ala. Farmers

Eating just ordinary Thanksgiving isn't going to be the same after the pre-Thanksgiving picnic for 515ers of the Fort Benning Area community were invited to the doing by formal invitation which was supervised by a committee composed of Lts. A. D. Saker, Arthur F. Miller and Chas. W. Harris.

Production of cotton having a staple length of less than 15-16-inch is much more important in Texas, Oklahoma, Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee than elsewhere in the belt, according to the Extension Service.

To assist the extension agents, special guides have been posted at all entrances. The approximately one hundred Alabamians will then move from the rendezvous point to Theater No. 10 where, at 10:45, they will be regular Parachute Training films.

AIR SHOW SALUTE

From the theater they will move back to the Alabama Area and watch students make jumps, their first, at Bonacra Landing, at 1:30. At each phase the going-on will be explained to the farmers in full. Daily these people watch the training jumps of students of the School—who sometimes find it necessary to land in one of their fields. This will be the first time they have been shown the inner workings of the school.

Pre-Thanksgiving dinner will be paraded to the party at 12:45 and they will eat it, soup and all, at Bonacra Landing. At 1:30, they will go to the Demolition Area of the Parachute School and watch a simulated combat jump with bombs bursting and overhead fire. Col. Ridgeley Gaither, Commandant of The Parachute School and Col. John P. Edgerly, Post Executive Officer

Hour" and pick up half a dozen news items about the Supply Division. Then a quick skip to the Athletic Office, where he probably finds a dozen phone calls waiting for him. He works on the schedule for the coming basketball season, sees that details are out with the Demolition Area, and to find a new referee for the football game coming up this week end; calls the electricians to put in some new lights on the field; gathers up half a dozen sports stories, and covers 10 or a dozen various and assorted chores.

WRITES SPORTS

Then he dashes for the Public Relations Office, writes his stories and a sports column; goes over some radio script; and answers a few more telephone calls from persons from Alabama to Harmontown, which he has been trying to catch up with him.

Then he probably runs down to Columbus to help straighten out a few tangles with the printers and see that the sports pages are put to bed properly for the forthcoming issue of the *Bulletin*.

While there the Associated Press

probably catches up with him and requests coverage on the forthcoming football game.

Then he runs back to Fort Benning to broadcast the news on the 6 p. m. radio show "P. Benning on the Air."

But he isn't finished yet.

If there's any athletic activity going on that evening, he is there to help stage it, and then to announce the event on the loudspeaker system.

After which he probably runs back to Columbus to read some

proof or to attend a rehearsal of

the Columbus Civic Theater, for with all his other work, he is

able to keep him in doing

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Benning Soldier Provided Plentiful Balanced Diet

"Every soldier stationed on Fort Benning's 218,000 acres of land gets food provided for him by the United States Army in quality and in quantities sufficient for his every need, both as to health and appetite," states Lt. Col. Alexander H. Veazy, chairman of the local menu planning board.

"If he does not get it at the table where it is served it is the fault of his mess personnel. They are provided the best that can be obtained, and that is much better than commercial food-servicing places or private homes can buy on the market. All it takes is skill and proper planning to get good meals from the food stuffs so provided."

The Columbus Market Center provides the fruit and vegetables for the Post and messes, while the Columbus Market Center provides the bulk of the meat that is bought for local consumption. Grocery staples are provided by different market centers, and this is all contracted for 90 days ahead of time or more.

Oranges, fresh fruit and vegetables selected this far in advance are not always available at the times asked for, and some substitutions have to be made, but the markets have so many items in their part of the creditable market, Colonel Veazy points out.

Field ration menus, which are now being served to all Army units on the Post, except the Station Hospital, are prepared days in advance by the local board, using the master menu of the Quartermaster General's office as a guide. Then these are submitted to the Director of Food Service of the Fourth Service Command at Atlanta, where they are analyzed and recommendations made for necessary changes. The next January menu had been made up on October 15, nearly a month ago, by the local board.

MESS ASSISTANTS

Those assisting Colonel Veazy on the menu board are: Maj. Maj. W. Jared, Inf.; T/Sgt. Maj. L. P. P. M. T/Sgt. Maj. Paul F. McMurtry, QM; 7th Armored Div.; Capt. Marcus E. Cooper, Inf.; Post QM Office; Capt. Robt. L. Dowell, Inf., 1st Ptg., Tng. Regt.; and Capt. Arthur L. Anderson, S. C. Station Hospital.

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Lee, the Nutrition Officer there. It's a job of studying the number of calories, the vitamin content and the general nutritional value of each day's menu, substituting when necessary and cutting down when the amount of specific items is more than adequate, the captain explains.

Some organizations, he says, will require more and some less food, according to the type of activity and training program. The amount of meat in some instances has been reduced and more grain products, bread and flour, legumes, nuts, and potatoes added, with plenty of fresh vegetables and fruits to increase the needed vitamin content.

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Benning-Bred Carrier Pigeons Distinguish Selves in War Zones

Hundreds of carrier pigeons bred at Fort Benning now are seeing service on far-flung battle fronts wherever American troops are fighting.

The breeding lofts at Fort Benning are one of three main breeding grounds under plan whereby patriotic American pigeon fanciers and trainers have turned over thousands of their finest birds to the Army for purposes of providing sufficient young birds to be

trained in the ways of warfare.

There are now nearly 1,500 birds in the loft, and for breeding purposes and the young birds are given a "basic training" course here before being sent to join a combat unit for further intensive training. At least one bird known to have been bred at Fort Benning has gained flying honors for his work in carrying messages in battle. He is "Yank" who was cited for carrying an important message 90 miles in an hour and 55 minutes in rain weather in Africa.

LARGE STAFF

The pigeon loft at Fort Benning started a little more than a year ago in a small building in charge of 26 birds. Today Lt. Arthur M. Lehman, formerly of Columbiana, Ohio, who had made a hobby of raising life, is in charge of the enlarged and training pigeons in civilian life and the enlarged training program, assisted by 16 others.

One of the men is Sgt. Lester Bolander, Baltimore, whose grandfather brought over a strain of famous racing birds from Europe, and whose father crossed strains and built up new ones until the family is one of the best known in the pigeon breeding world.

The pigeons used at Fort Benning are of radio, telephone, and other new and modern means of communication, the pigeon is assuming increasing importance in the field of war.

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2,600 IN 8 WEEKS

Major General Fulton Q. C. Gardner, commander of the 78th Division, called Peterson into his office one morning late last spring.

"Make competitive swimming a 60-meter race," he said, "and get them to make it in eight weeks."

With the chosen 2,600, Captain Peterson entrained for a bivouac area near Camp Pickett, Va. His decade-long experience as a swimmer came in handy.

Assisted by a corps of skilled instructors, he taught his pupils simple strokes in the waters of a state park lake, and then, through constant practice, built up their speed and endurance. When eight weeks were up, each of the 2,600 was able to swim 50 yards with equipment.

But he could still wrestle. And wrestling was to start blond, genial, stocky Peterson on his odyssey through Latin America that led finally to the golden gates of meadowland. First, however, came the Wall Street interlude.

RING CAREER

A ring career was against the Peterson family's wishes, who were happy to follow in his brother's footsteps as partner in a prominent New York investment house. He did get so far as to appear on the floor of the Stock Exchange, but for a short time.

He finally left New York and headed for the land of promise below the equator. Mat tussles in Rio, Buenos Aires, Montevideo and smaller South American cities as a professional. He fought matches in Mexico, Cuba, Canada, and Hawaii before Paramount called him to Hollywood as physical training director.

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There, working closely with the studio's dieticians and physicians to keep stream-lined shapes down to a record-breaking minimum, he became a legend.

During two years Madeline Carroll, Fred Macmillan, Sterling Hayden, Paulette Goddard, Bing Crosby and other astrals were under his care.

Each of Peterson's cases brought special problems, none of them so simple as mere weight reduction. A necktie was all he could get to be reduced, waist or hips slenderized. By a skillful combination of diet, massage, and exercise, Peterson took 28 pounds off one film favorite—and removed the flesh from the bones of his body.

FIGURES ON LINE

The ibis always travels in large flocks, each one sometimes containing as many as 15,000 birds.

The British gallon is almost 20 per cent larger than the U. S. gallon.

More than 18,000,000 tons of cargo, twice that shipped in World War I, have been sent overseas in this war.

It is estimated that an acre of meadowland contains some 150,000 insects.

Conditions permitting, Peterson

Quartermasters Kept Plenty Busy Feeding and Clothing Entire Post

Col. Jack L. Meyer Is Odd-Job Man Of Benning As Director Of Supply

One of the greatest responsibilities in the daily operation of Fort Benning is that borne by the quartermaster branch of the post supply and service division which must feed the post's thousands of troops three times daily.

Not only does it perform that job in a manner which makes Johnny Doughboy the "best fed soldier in the world," but in addition the Q. M. C. provides practically all of the clothing and equipment needed by every

These two tasks alone would be sufficient to burden any branch, but along with these all-important jobs the busy quartermasters also find time to prepare laundry, maintain the cemetery, run the fuel stations and ice house, do the bulk of the purchasing and contracting for the entire post, run reclamation and repair shops, and operate a salvaging business.

MEYER AS Q.M.C.

At the helm of this vast network of daily activity is Colonel Jack L. Meyer, a veteran quartermaster officer, who administers many jobs in his dual capacity as director of supply and post quartermaster.

As supply chief, he is also responsible for the proper functioning of the transportation, ordnance, motor transport, communication, chemical warfare, and engineer property branches of the huge Supply and Service Division.

In the few weeks it took to arrive at post to succeed Col. John B. Massey as head of this organization, Col. Meyer has shown an aggressive leadership in the clock-like precision operation of the Quartermaster Corps.

ODD-JOB MAN

As post quartermaster, Col. Meyer is truly the odd-job man of Fort Benning. At one and the same time he is marker and grocer, laundryman, haberdasher, milkman, filling station operator, junk disposal man, ice man and shoe repairman.

Headquarters of the Q.M.C. at the post are in the quartermaster building, which is over a bee-hive of activity. From this office, the quartermaster activities fan out all over the reservation with buildings located in many sections.

Scores of huge warehouses are strung out along a length of almost a mile along the railroad tracks. The two modern laundries are located in different areas, the repair shops are in yet another sector, yet everything clears through the central office and the daily functions are performed by repair units doing nothing but sole G.I. brogans.

"Keep 'Em Supplied" is but one of many slogans adopted by the Quartermaster Corps, but it is more than just a slogan. It is a creed to do which hundreds of officers, enlisted personnel and civilian employees together in a smooth-operating, wartime organization.

FOOD ITEM

Food, of course, is the principal item of supply. All food, not only for daily ration issues, but also for the sales commissary is produced and distributed by the Quartermaster Corps. The Q.M.C. Calendar of foodstuff arrive daily to feed Benning's hungry thousands. While large stocks are carried in the warehouses, all perishables

arrive only the day before and are stored temporarily in the huge refrigeration plant until the morning for the ration breakdown.

Although the food is foremost in interest, clothing and equipment come in for equal attention from the Quartermaster Corps. Almost every conceivable item of Army equipment is stocked at the Benning post's supply warehouses.

SUPPLIES FUEL

The Q.M.C. also provides coal and wood in vast quantities for heating and cooking purposes.

Oil houses and filling stations are located at strategic points on the reservation for the daily distribution of the thousands of gallons of gas and oil needed to operate the Army's mechanized equipment.

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The quartermaster laundries take care of all soldier washing and also do bulk work for the hospitals. They are modern, up-to-date cleaning plants which turn out a tremendous volume of work.

SALVAGE EFFORT

As leader of the post's continuous conservation and salvage campaign, the Q.M.C. has done a remarkable job. Practically nothing is ever wasted nowadays. If an item cannot be used for its original purpose, it is sold for salvage, with Uncle Sam getting a return of some kind on it. The large shoe repair unit does nothing but sole G.I. brogans.

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Blood Given RC Becomes Army, Navy Property

Field Director Says Unit Has No Control Over Plasma Distribution

Frequent requests made to the American Red Cross to supply whole blood or blood plasma to individuals, the Army and Navy medical units, and the Red Cross largely upon misundestanding of the functions of the Red Cross Blood Donor Service, declares Ralph J. Mitchell, director of the Fort Benning branch of the American Red Cross.

All blood processed by the Red Cross Blood Donor Service is delivered immediately to processing laboratories, where it becomes the property of the Army and Navy, Mitchell said.

The Red Cross has no jurisdiction over the distribution of the blood, or the blood substitutes, he said.

Most of the blood is processed after it reaches the laboratories into dried plasma or serum albumin for the armed forces in foreign service, he said.

The blood however is processed into liquid plasma for use in military hospitals in this country.

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However, he pointed out, the Red Cross Blood Donor Service is the only agency through which the people of this country may give their blood to the armed services for the production of dried plasma or serum albumin.

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This is a message from a soldier to YOU THE PEOPLE. To you who form a vast majority who have not as yet keenly grasped the seriousness of war do I humbly dedicate this poem.

YOU THE PEOPLE

Cpl. Lester Greenfield

Our boys are over there fighting for a new life.

To end forever the causes that instigate strife.

It's up to each of you at home to help do your share.

So freedom will once again ring out everywhere.

You can't do it quibbling about this and that.

Or think of making your pocketbook fat.

War is a serious thing, you can see this in passing.

So it's either get serious or watch Democracy die.

No nation has so dedicated itself to the aims of justice and peace.

The reason we now find ourselves engaged in fighting its release.

That once more men may walk freely through life.

And forever forget there is such a thing as strife.

You the people are complete masters of your fate.

Don't wait until it becomes too late.

Our boys are over there we hope not in vain.

It's up to all of you to help carry the burden of pain.

An appeal through the nation

So simple an expedient does not exist over there.

Work hard and help, and by the satisfaction in doing that you attain.

You do so much to relieve all the suffering and pain.

You will see drives and appeals by the score,

Perhaps to you they may become a bore.

Remember when you have given their lives, peace, and

And with help Democracy both endures and survives.

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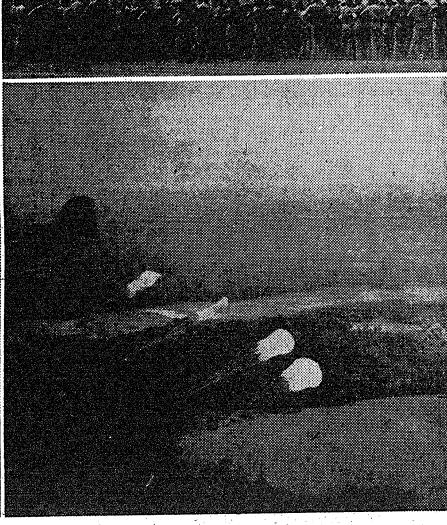
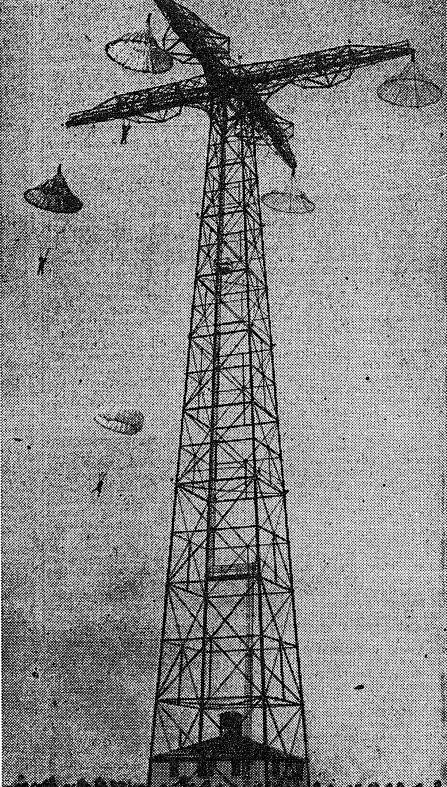
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Parachute Training at Fort Benning Is Prelude to Combat



THE PARACHUTE SCHOOL at Fort Benning is famed throughout the length and breadth of the land for the peerless training it is giving American paratroopers. The action shots above show some of the phases of training given. In the upper left is shown a jumper making his exit from the door of a plane on his way down to earth. Upper center shows a combat jump (simulated) with land mines exploding and overhead gun fire. This jump is part of the demolition course. Inset Lt. Col. James W. Coutts, assistant commandant of the Parachute School. Upper right shows men jumping from the 250-foot free towers in "C" stage, designed to acclimate the men to the identical operation and technique of the plane jump. In the lower left photo men are shown jumping from mock doors in which exact replicas of the C-47 fuselage make practice exits as close to the real thing as possible. Next is seen Colonel Ridgely Gaither, commandant of the Parachute School, a qualified jumper rolling up his chute after a jump. Lower right photo shows the clockwork precision with which chutes open after the men bail out. All phases of the parachute opening are shown in excellent detail in this pix. (U. S. Army Air Force Photo.)

Benning-Trained Paratroopers Lead The Attack Behind Enemy Lines

Wherever Uncle Sam is dealing harder and harder blows at the enemy in various theaters of war scattered about the globe are to be found in the vanguard hardy tough paratroopers trained in the Parachute School at Fort Benning.

Front-page headlines of the nation's press have attested to the vital role these Benning alumni are playing in hitting the enemy where it hurts most, landing behind his lines, cutting his lines of supply and communications, etc.

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4 STAGES

First Week ("A" Stage): Physical conditioning, hand-to-hand combat training, and parachute training.

Second Week ("B" Stage): Physical conditioning, training on parachute apparatus (door exits, landing training, suspended-harness exercises in parachute manipulation and control, etc.) and parachute packing.

Third Week ("C" Stage): Physical conditioning, tower training (controlling and free descents, controlling and collapsing the parachute after landing, opening-shock simulations, etc.) and parachute packing.

Fourth Week ("D" Stage): Qualification jumping, normally consisting of one plane jump per day for four days, followed by the use of the chute for use on the following day. The sixth day of the final week is devoted to graduation exercises and assignment to units or specialist courses.

The Parachute Section of the Infantry School became a separate unit—the Parachute School, Airborne Command—on May 15, 1942. Colonel Howell (promoted to lieutenant colonel in December 1942) was appointed in February 1942, upon the expansion of the 502nd Parachute Battalion into the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment (which was appointed commanding general in addition to Howell as commanding general of the Parachute School).

Initially, the parachutist's qualification training period consisted of 12 weeks, which was soon reduced, however, in view of the increasing demand for qualified parachutists, to a four-weeks period, which is now considered the minimum practicable time for proper training. Each week is designed as a stage, and the time required for the course could be followed by training in parachute

rigging, parachute demolitions, and parachute communications. The attendant increases in academic and administrative personnel made the school's authorized totals upon activation 82, and this enrollment made the school also better attached for its use in qualification jumping a trooper-carrier squadron from the Army Air Forces Troop-Carrier Command.

Establishment of the various specialist courses in the Parachute School followed this schedule:

Communications: First class started March 9, 1942, with Captain Julian Ewell, Infantry, in charge, Second Lieutenant John Almeida, Infantry, assistant.

Demolitions: First class started May 2, 1942, with 29 students. First Lieutenant Ray O. Phillips, Infantry, in charge.

Riggers: First class started July 20, 1942, with First Lieutenant Emry V. Stewart, Infantry, in charge.

Communications: First class started March 15, 1943, with 12 students. Second Lieutenant W. H. Crook, Corps of Engineers, in charge, Second Lieutenant W. A. Nielson, Infantry, assistant.

Colonel Howell divided the Parachute School into two major training units—the 1st Parachute Regiment and the Academic Section. In Special Orders No. 1, he named Major Ryder as the commanding officer and chief of the Academic Section (responsible for the training of students), and Lieutenant Colonel Harvey T. Morgan, Airborne Command—on May 15, 1942, Colonel Howell (promoted to lieutenant colonel in December 1942) was appointed commanding general of the 1st P.T.R. (responsible for the housing, messing, and non-academic administration of the Parachute School).

In August, 1942, Colonel Howell was promoted to brigadier general and the 1st Parachute Brigade was organized, with Howell as commanding general in addition to his new command as commanding general of the Parachute School.

When Major Ryder was ordered to duty with the Airborne Command

mand as parachute officer, he was succeeded as assistant commandant of the Parachute School by Colonel Gariand H. Williams, Infantry, effective September 21, 1942.

Up to November 23, 1942, students of the Parachute School as individuals received their qualification training, and were then assigned individually to the various parachute units of the Army, both as replacements and as augmentation personnel. On that date the 508th Parachute Infantry enrolled at the school as a unit, the first such case in the history of the school. The 508th had been formed some four months earlier, around 150 men, qualified paratroopers from selected volunteers drawn from civilian life. They received their basic military training as a group, and then entered the Parachute School for qualification training immediately upon completion of this recruit instruc-

tion.

Since the personnel assigned to the 508th upon its activation had received some physical conditioning throughout its recruit training, aimed toward eventual paratrooper qualification training, it was determined to do away with the first week of the usual qualification course. The regiment began its training in "B" Stage.

Subsequently, other units have been enrolled as a group for paratrooper qualification under the same conditions, and accordingly the school now offers two jump-training courses:

The "A" Course, of four weeks, for individuals with no preliminary pre-jump training.

The "B" Course, of three weeks, for units organized and trained before enrollment with a view to eventual jump training. The "B" Course is virtually the same as the "A" Course without the initial week of general physical conditioning.

FURTHER EXPANSION

Further expansion of the Parachute School led to the appointment

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Parachute Training Is For Mentally-Alert Only

Parachute Prelude to Combat: Parachute School. It is brought vividly home to him in dozens of different ways. He has nothing to do with a man's morale? Well, back in the frontier days they called this desire about so long as he does. This mental alertness coupled with determination and normal physical equipment produces the unbeatable Parachuting Infantryman.

Volunteers are the only men in the Parachute Troops. This is the only completely volunteer outfit in the United States. The Parachute School is just about one percent of the work of the Trooper.

The other ninety-nine is highly-trained and alert "doughboy." The jump itself is simply a means of debarking from a vehicle of transportation. It is the man's morale that adapts him to the older and most dependable fighting unit in warfare—the determined foot-soldier. So it is emphasized to the aspiring Parachutist that his job is only beginning when he hits the ground in alien territory. His duty is to get them to the front and stay there.

They do so because they like a challenge to themselves and they like to win. The spirit of the Paratroopers is well-reflected in the song "The New Infantry March":

It used to be the Infantry did nothing but march all day. Dutch guys with mud in their eyes. Went slugging along the way. But times have changed and now we range.

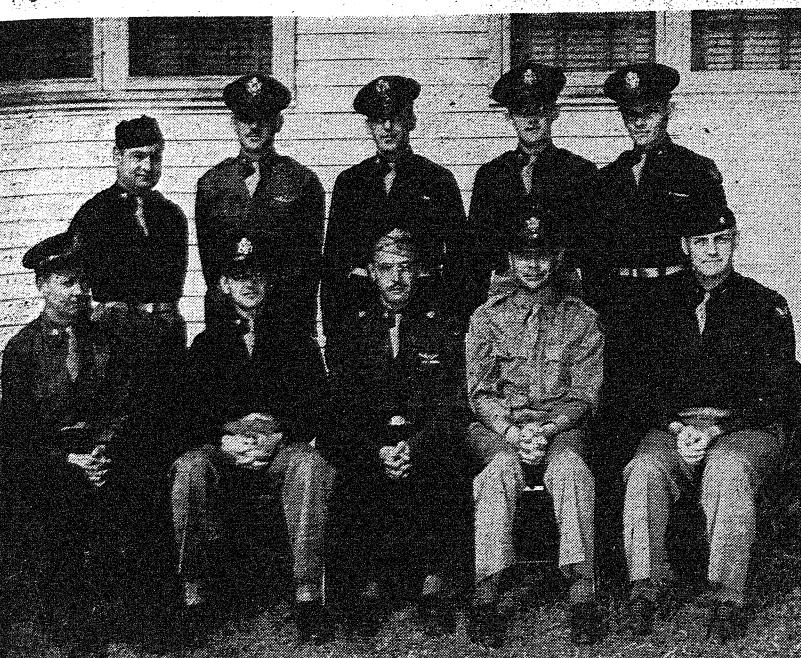
The sky and a sea of blue. We fly a bit and then we hit the silk of a parachute. Oh . . . CHORUS

Airborne we go. Paratroopers do or die. Speed troops like the wind we go.

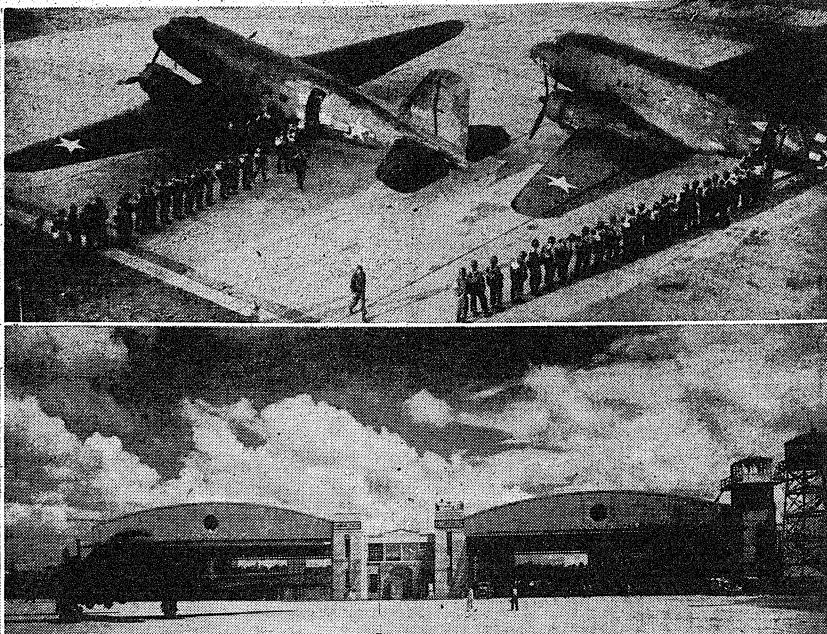
We're sons o' guns! We're sons o' guns!

We won't take no for an answer.

Can't stop those paratroopers Jumping down into the fray. Oh, it's not the way it used to be. A bigger and better infantry comes in by air today!



Lt. Col. JOHN E. ALBERT, commanding officer, Lawson Field, Fort Benning, Ga., and his immediate staff. Reading from left to right, front row: Major Beverly H. Tucker, Intelligence and Public Relations Officer; Major George A. Key, Personnel officer; Col. Albert; Lt. Col. Wm. A. Capers, Executive officer; Major Donovan C. Moffett, Plans and Training officer. Standing: Major Julian D. Freedman, Administrative Inspector; Major John W. Christner, Base Operations officer; Major Nat H. Aronsohn, Legal officer; Major George W. Gorman, Base Mess officer; and Lt. Thomas L. Bradley, Jr., Supply officer. (U.S. AAF Photo.)



A PARTIAL VIEW of the large and modern hangars of Lawson Field, Fort Benning, Ga., with one of the large Army transport planes of the First Troop Carrier Command parked in front of the hangars. Lawson Field is one of the bases of the First Troop Carrier Command. (U. S. A. A. F. Photo.)

THE PRIMARY MISSION of the First Troop Carrier Command is to carry combat troops. Pictured above are paratroopers being loaded into troop carrier planes stationed at Lawson Field, Ft. Benning, Ga., a base of the First Troop Carrier Command. (U. S. A. A. F. Photo.)

Lawson Field Site of Many Phases of Air Growth Since Its Opening; Now Base for Troop Carriers

Named After Captain Killed In Air Accident 20 Years Ago

The activities of the Army's famous Infantry School and the much younger but almost equally famous experimental 501st Parachute Battalion, were augmented late in 1940 by the addition of a GHQ Air Force Unit at Lawson Field. Lawson then became the base of two additional corps and division Observation Squadrons while the 62nd Air Base Group was being activated at Lawson.

Later the development of Lawson Field accelerated when it became a base of the First Troop Carrier Command.

This development was due in no small part to the increased activity of the 3rd Composite Squadron at Lawson. The Squadron, a unit of the 4th Air Base Group, has as its primary function the flying of missions in collaboration with the training of the students at the Infantry School.

So rapid has been the growth of Lawson Field since the summer days of 1940 that the unit originally stationed at Lawson Field was called, that correspondence is still being addressed to "C. O. Flight E."

OPENED IN 1931

Lawson Field was first opened to plane traffic in 1931. The field was named at that time in honor of the late Captain Walter Ross Lawson, a native of Georgia, who died in an air accident on April 1, 1923.

Captain Lawson served in the 41st French Escadrille and the 91st Aero Squadron in France, being awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for "repeated acts of gallantry, heroism and devotion to duty."

During July and September, he was a pilot in the Pulitzer Race in 1920 and 1922.

In 1932 a small number of Air Corps officers and enlisted men from the 16th Observation Squadron, Fort Benning, Georgia, were transferred to Lawson Field to perform tactical and allied problems for the Infantry School.

PROMINENT IN WAR

Troop Carrier units carried paratroopers from England to Granada to initiate assault upon North Africa—1,500 miles, nonstop—the longest single-line invasion record.

According to Dr. Thrash, of the Public Health Department, an Immunization Clinic will be opened within the next two weeks. As soon as equipment is secured a mobile immunization clinic will be established.

It is hoped that general medical care can be added later.

LOST AND FOUND POUND:

Many times articles are found and persons do not know what to do with them to get them back to the proper person.

In order to have a place to return lost articles a pound is started at the Recreation Building where lost articles can be brought by those who have them.

If you have lost something perhaps you can locate it by coming to the pound and looking over the articles turned in.

NEWCOMERS:

Lt. and Mrs. Wilson M. Stone, Command with Headquarters at Springfield, Indiana, are under the command of Brigadier General Frederick W. Evans, the present Commandant at the present time.

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Baker Village News

BAKER VILLAGE DANCE

Baker Village is barely eighteen months old it has received great citations from gal

lery in both eastern and western theaters of war. The Troop Carrier's primary mission is to carry combat troops and auxiliary equipment to effected locations in combat zones from which to begin active operations. Their secondary mission is to maintain supply to units in the combat zone, and to evacuate casualties and other personnel and material from such zones. An additional function is to transport Airborne Engineers, Base Engineers, and gliders.

WANTED:

To rent a musical instrument. Good time was taken of it. Call Margaret Smith, 24-6208.

The four-piece 300th Infantry Orchestra will play for 8 o'clock.

CLINIC:

Apartment 43E next to the Administration Building has been held vacant within the next two weeks.

According to Dr. Thrash, of the Public Health Department, an Immunization Clinic will be opened within the next two weeks.

As soon as equipment is secured a mobile immunization clinic will be established.

It is hoped that general medical care can be added later.

LOST AND FOUND POUND:

Good time was taken of it. Call Margaret Smith, 24-6208.

The time has come when one of our crying needs is to be satisfied.

DR. THRASH:

Dr. Thrash of the Public Health Department has come to the Baker Village to train soldiers for combat.

He is also training the Baker Village to train soldiers for combat.

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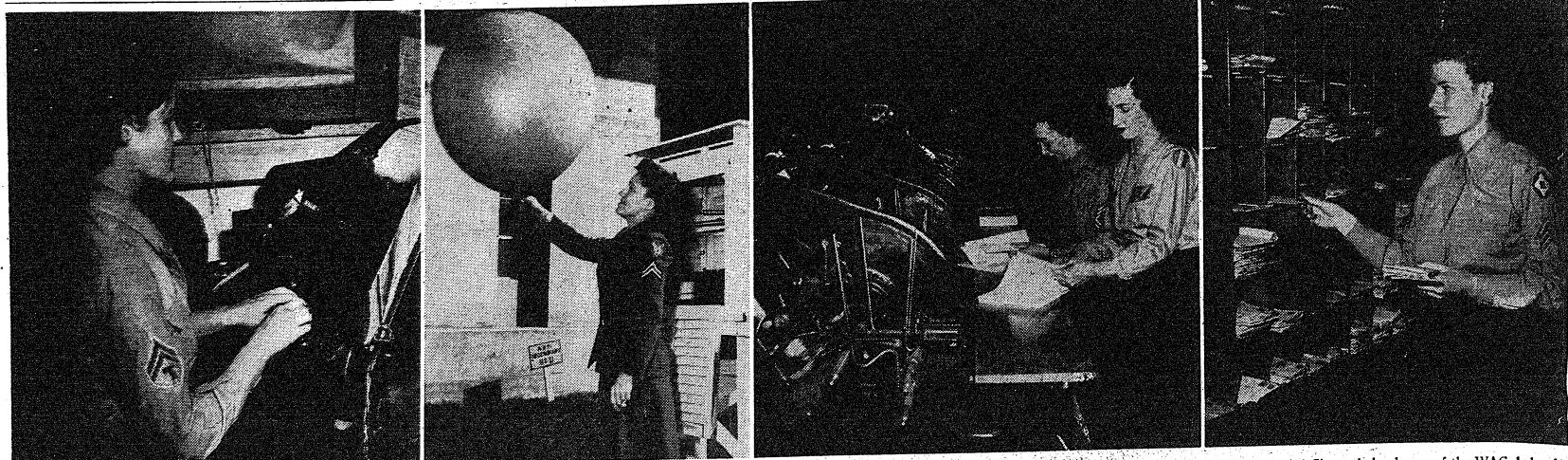
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photo left center Cpl. Florence Bogdon, of WAC detachment, Lawrence Field, is preparing to release a weather balloon to determine the direction and velocity of winds aloft. In the picture right center, Technical Sgt. Mary K. Thiele (left) and Pvt. Katherine Brown are shown feeding papers

to the gathering machine in the U. S. Army Field Printing Plant. Both are members of WAC Detachment, The Infantry School, Section II. At the far right, Sgt. Betsy Simms, of WAC Detachment, Station Complement, Section I, is pictured putting mail into the outgoing box at the Army Post

Office. Sergeant Simms is in charge of the WAC clerks who locate proper addresses for mail which reaches the post with wrong or incomplete addresses. (Photos by U. S. Army Signal Corps.)

Women In Khaki Came Here For Work, Got It

March 5, 1943, was a cold, rainy day at Fort Benning, but it had its brighter side. That was the day the WACs arrived.

The girls in uniform were a sensation for the post. Everybody had been hearing of the WACs, but few had seen any until the 43rd Headquarters Company arrived. They turned out in crowds to get their first glimpse of the army's newest corps, and all who could, followed through by getting acquainted.

People were curious about these girls who were called "strange names like 'army' and 'leaders'" but who lived under army discipline and marched like veterans. The WACs were photographed, stared at and questioned interminably by anyone who could catch their attention.

Above all, what Fort Benning wanted to know about these girls was: "Why did you join the WAC?" What are you here for?"

These questions have been answered in the months that have followed. The WACs came to work. They had a job to do and they're transfixing. And they're here for the duration and six months. MANY CHANGES

The months have brought a lot of changes to that pioneer company. They have dropped an "A" from their name and are now known as the "WACs." They are called "privates" and "corporals" and "sergeants," they have had two

who was mess and supply officer

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Woman Wecovers Wandering Wallet

When Pvt. George Benick of the 4th Armored Division's 48th Armored Infantry lost his wallet containing \$41 just after he had no hope of ever finding it or of anyone else finding and returning it to him.

But he reckoned without the fact that there are always a few honest souls, even in real life. A Miss Marguerite Miller, 276 Church street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., found Pvt. Benick's wallet and turned it in to the 4th Armored.

Now Pvt. Benick has a renewed faith in mankind, and probably, another beautiful friendship. After all, \$41 can make a whale of a difference in the life of a private.

Food Meeting Opens Today At Main Post

A two-day conference of food service supervisors from post-camps and stations in the Fourth Service Command will be held at Fort Benning Thursday and Friday, November 11 and 12, under the direction of Colonel John M. Rooks, Fourth Service Command Director of Food Service.

Approximately 70 officers will attend the conference which will be held at Theatre No. 2 on the main post. Purposes of the conference is to give food service supervisors throughout the service command a complete picture of all phases of the subject of meat from the time it arrives at cold storage until finally served in mess halls, and to acquaint the supervisors with the educational program being conducted by the Army.

A meat lecture demonstration will be held the first day of the meeting by J. F. Boles, representing the National Pork Producers Meat Board. The second day will be devoted to a discussion of subjects relating to the food service program. The meeting will be in charge of Col. Rooks, who recently left Fort Benning when he was commanding officer of Bakers and Cooks schools in the Fourth Service Command, including the two on the post for his present job.

Lt. Col. A. H. Veazey, post food service supervisor, the post assistant food service supervisor, Capt. Pauline Dickens, assistant Commandant of Bakers and Cooks School No. 1, and Capt. Arthur L. Anderson, post nutrition officer, are representing Fort Benning at the meeting.

of the original company, succeeded Lt. Col. Gaines and is the present commanding officer. Executive officer is 2nd Lt. Dora Chambers, and the mess and supply officer is 2nd Lt. Dorothy Phillips.

Fifteen members of the company have gone to Officer Candidate School, others have attended Cooks and Bakers School, Finance School, and Administration School to learn army office procedure.

The WACs of the Station Complement are working in laboratory, technical, clerical, photographic, teletype operators, messengers, mail clerks, and in dozens of other jobs. Some are employed in the service clubs and libraries, others in classification and supply work. Wherever the army has had a job that women could do, the WACs have been tried it out, and accepted.

VERILY, VERILY.

Fort Benning, which a year ago was just hearing rumors that the WACs were coming, would now be seriously inconvenienced if its WACs were suddenly taken away. Officers were wondering if this would fit women into their work are now wondering where they can get more like them.

The WACs of the Station Complement have seen it happen—the change from curiosity to acceptance, from the days when they were auxiliary to auxiliary, their present status as an integral part of Fort Benning.

They know it was just a joke at first when the men called a girl in uniform "soldier." They know it now means the men approve of the "something new" that has been added to the army.

Do You Remember The Old Fort When—

By M-Sgt. DOUGLAS REICHORT
Infantry Board Det.

When Post Headquarters and the Quartermaster and Finance Officers' dormitory building, situated where the new addition to the present Post Headquarters is located, And the big fire it made late in 1923?

But more significantly, have you lost that sense of humor, value and become a familiar part of the life of the post? They are found in offices throughout the post, and in a variety of jobs they are proving their worth as an addition to the army.

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And those modern, easy riding, comfortable buses in which Howard took us to town? (They are the same today — just later models.)

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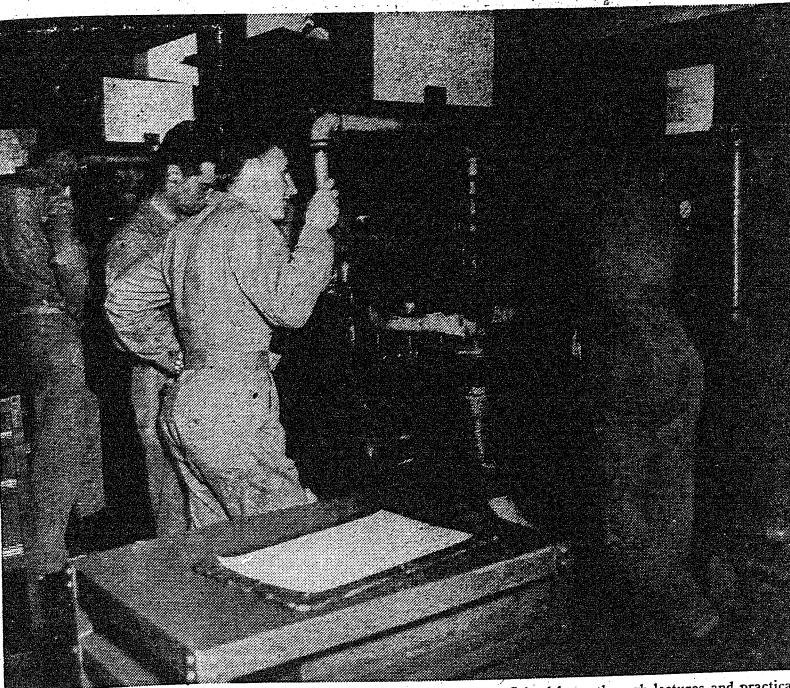
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STUDENTS ATTENDING THE AUTOMOTIVE COURSES of The Infantry School learn through lectures and practical work, with emphasis placed on the latter. In the upper photo shows group listening to a lecture on the motor of a half track. Below is a group of students working on a motor rigged on a special rack to facilitate their study. (U. S. Army Photos—The Infantry School.)

Every Infantry Vehicle Taught Students In TIS Automotive Section

Group Arrived From Ft. Meade In 1932; Formerly Tank Maintenance

The Automotive Section of The Infantry School presents two courses: the Officers Motor Course, designed to produce qualified motor and maintenance officers for Infantry units; and the Enlisted Motor Course, designed to produce skilled mechanics who will be capable of performing and supervising second echelon maintenance and the operation of all types of motor vehicles organic in the Infantry Regiment.

The Automotive Section had its origin in 1920 when the first Tank School was organized at Ft. Meade, Maryland. In 1932 this school was moved from Ft. Meade to Fort Benning, Georgia.

The school, which was originally a part of the organization of the Infantry School, with the exception of the following courses: the Advanced Officers Basic Officer Communications, the Officer Candidate Courses, the New Division Officer Course, the Automotive Section, the Enlisted Motor Course, and the Air Corps and Battery Charger courses.

At the present time, instruc-

tion is carried on simultaneously for twelve classes, three of which are Officer classes and nine of which are Enlisted classes. All of these classes are of twelve weeks duration.

The section also presents eight hours of instruction to students of the following courses: the Advanced Officers Basic Officer Communications, the Officer Candidate Courses, the New Division Officer Course, the Automotive Section, the Enlisted Motor Course, and the Air Corps and Battery Charger courses.

The staff of the Section includes the following personnel: 40 officers, 1 warrant officer—Instructors; 100 noncommissioned officers—assistant instructors (including 7 WACs who act as clerks); and 24 civilians—clerks, stenographers, typists, etc.

INSTRUCTORS

During all instruction, visual aids, such as cutaway models of assemblies and units, are used constantly. Enlarged photographs of working models are built in the Section shop, and wall charts are made by enlisted draftsmen who are also graduates of the Section. Each student is equipped in addition with appropriate training manuals and a schedule of study, references to assist in preparation and review.

Wherever practicable, the daily progress of each student is observed by means of homework papers, which are corrected and returned to the student in several days. Each week's instruction is followed by a practical work graded test. These graded tests are designed to test the knowledge of the students and to serve as a barometer of the thoroughness of teaching methods.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

The Automotive Section is divided into a headquarters and four groups. The commanding officer, Col. Lee A. Bessette, in addition to being chief of section, is responsible for the administration of all section activities under the command of the commandant of The Infantry School. He is assisted by three officers: a secretary (Capt. Orris L. Watson), who is responsible for the administration of details of the section; a plans and equipment officer (Capt. A. Joel Warren), and a supply officer (Major James V. Conney), who also acts as police officer and fire marshal. A clerical force of four civilians and seven enlisted men (three of whom are WACs), functioning as headquarters.

INSTRUCTION

Instruction is coordinated by the groups and with the units in the field by having the individual automotive schools in order that the section may assist and benefit in solving the maintenance problems of the field.

GENERAL GROUP

Major Edward B. Baskin is chief of the General Group, and is assisted by four other officers and five enlisted men. This group is responsible for the presentation of motor maintenance instruction to all classes of The Infantry School, other than the officers and enlisted motor courses. The officers in this group are also responsible for continuous research in the field or army motor maintenance and passing this information on to the other members of the section.

THE STUDENTS

The students of the Officers and Enlisted Motor Courses receive instruction from the other three Groups, remaining with each Group for four weeks. Each of these Groups consists of a Group Chief, his enlisted assistants, and his instructional teams. These teams, each with its own building or part of a building, are composed of two or three officers and approximately thirty assistant instructors; each instructs a class of one week. Instruction, generally is presented in the form of 20 per cent concurrence and demonstration.

tion and 80 per cent practical work. The practical work is conducted by one enlisted instructor to each group of four to six students.

ENGINE GROUP

The first month is spent in the Engine Group where Major Frank H. Pharaoh is Chief of Group. The mission of the Engine Group is to train selected personnel in the construction, maintenance and operation of the internal combustion engines found in vehicles issued to the Infantry. To accomplish this the subject matter has been grouped under three heads: engine detail and disassembly, engine assembly, and electrical.

Carburetor, Ignition, Tachometer, Shock absorbers, propeller shafts, universal joints, rear axles, and front axles. The differential and the constant-velocity universal joints are also presented for study.

LEARN TIRE PRESSURE

Wheels, rims, and tires are studied during the first week and the second week the effect of incorrect inflation, unbalance, and misalignment. From wheel alignment, the course proceeds to steering gears and is concluded with a study of general maintenance requirements for all vehicles and practical instruction in oxyacetylene welding.

The fourth week is devoted almost exclusively to brakes. It consists of detailed study in each of the following brake systems: hydraulic, mechanical, 5-plate, and Hydrovac. The last day of this week is spent on a "live" vehicle inspection.

Throughout these four weeks of instruction particular emphasis is placed upon first and second echelon maintenance, and problems are viewed from the standpoint of combat conditions and much of the actual instructional material is based upon technical reports from maneuver areas and combat zones.

OPERATIONS GROUP

The final four weeks of instruction is spent in the Operations Group where Lt. Colonel Gerard I. Cambre serves as Chief of Section. Instruction is devoted to the practical application of the material studied in the Engine and Chassis Groups. Here the students regularly perform the 1000- and 6000-mile maintenance services on vehicles borrowed from organizations on the post, using the tools, equipment, and spare parts which would normally be available to an Infantry Regiment in the field.

During the first week in the Operations Group the students per-

form 1,000-mile maintenance services on GMC vehicles.

The second week is devoted to 6,000-mile maintenance services on Dodge vehicles.

The third week is spent per-

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CONFERENCE GROUP

The conference periods, which occupy one-third of the total time and are held in the evenings, are demonstrations, supplemented by group discussions, their primary purpose being to outline to the class the function of each separate assembly, its general operating principles, its maintenance requirements, and difficulties likely to occur in the field and common abuses to which it is subjected.

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H. C. Dental Clinic Bridges Many Gaps

Harmony Church Dental Clinic, under the direction of Major Alderstein, has been in the business in this area for over two and one-half years. Serving in the past, the Officer's Candidate School, they are now concerned with the toothaches of the trainees and personnel of the ASTP Regiments. In addition to this, they also serve the 131st Infantry, the 2nd Field Artillery, 523rd Ordnance and the 25th Field Artillery. This is a pretty big dish or share, we say . . . tough grub! And for the fine group of Dental Officers who are here stationed here. They're doing an excellent job.

The clinic itself might be called one of those three-in-one affairs. Under Major Alderstein, chief of clinic are three sub-clinics: Operative branch, the direction of Major J. Stern, handles the dental filling and prophylactic work; Surgery, headed by Capt. E. Herk, as the name implies, handles the extractions and other related dental procedures; and Prosthetics, directed by Capt. R. Steinberg—which one might call the "Engineers" of the Dental Corps—construction and bridge work.

Personnel of the clinic is composed of thirteen dental officers, eleven dental specialists, nine enlisted men, two WACs, and one civilian employee, handling an average daily "production" of approximately one hundred men. From 8:30 a. m. to almost 6 p. m. you will find them busily giving away at their work of making life more pleasant for Harmony Church GIs. In addition, they are always prepared to administer emergency treatment after hours.

Major Alderstein speaks of his subordinates with a large measure of pride. "I believe the men here are the best in the Army," he says. "We have here complete knowledge with any group of dentists in the army or out, anywhere. And the service we are set up to render is as exacting and painstaking as that done anywhere in the United States."

Every man in the Harmony Church is plugging for the dental clinic (or is it vice versa?). Seriously speaking, they are a fine group of men and women—fine dentists, who are really performing a most excellent job.

The Thousand Islands comprise seven large and 1,600 small islands.

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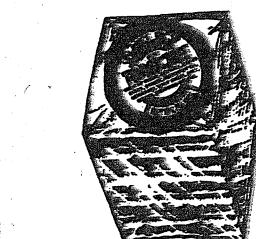
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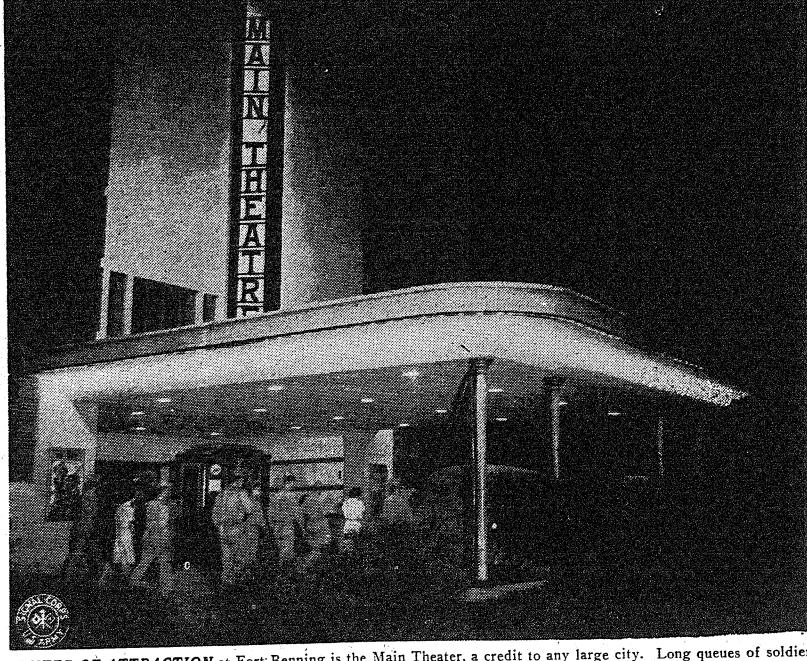
That's the emphasis that can be heard in the din from the GIs in the triple line that clamors for service before the only soda fountain in Fort Benning, the one in the PX across from the Main Post Theatre.

One "funny" thing about the "soda" fountain is that there is only a moderate demand for ice cream sodas, or other drinks with carbonated water, states T. J. Pitch, manager of the fountain. He and his assistant, C. E. Martin, both noted that the GIs get most of their plain drinks in bottles at the smaller PXs, and that they buy them in the same way, or at the cafeteria, and when they come into the "fountain" they want "served" ice cream, with chocolate syrup on it, or in shakes with chocolate syrup.

Women on the Post are about the only patrons of the main fountain, the GI being too busy (or too hurry) to worry over such care in his selection of confections. The woman, WAC or civilian, can have syrups and nuts and fruits and such like, or fancy ways with them, then a chocolate milk shake or a chocolate sundae—and is happy with results without bother. Of course, he eats the other things, sometimes, when he is accompanied by the "date," but it is a concession on his part.

In most animals the eyes look to the side and have separate fields of vision.

The sequoia trees of California are thought to be the oldest living things. Some are estimated to be 4,000 years old.



CENTER OF ATTRACTION at Fort Benning is the Main Theater, a credit to any large city. Long queues of soldiers form before the box office long before the selling of tickets is scheduled. If you don't believe it, just drop around a Sunday or a week-day and see for yourselves. This photo was snapped at night. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo).

Post W. D. Theaters Keep Pace With Army Motion Picture Service

Dozen Movie Houses Give Troops Latest in Hollywood Entertainment

War Department theaters here at Fort Benning have kept up with the pace set by the U. S. Army Motion Picture Service since it began operation Jan. 1, 1921.

Few but the "old timers" on the post remember the old main theater on Ingerson Street near the post gymnasium. When the boys at Fort Benning today speak of the "main theater", they mean the Main Theater which stands on the post's busiest corner, Wold Avenue and Ingerson Street.

The Main Theater was opened just about five years ago—September, 1938. It is completely modern in every respect and is a parallel to the motion picture houses to be found in the civilian world. Aside from maintenance work always going on in the comfortable auditorium and luxurious lounges, the exterior and lobby appointments are constantly being improved.

A new ticket booth was recently added at the theater, and tile flooring was laid in the lobby.

In addition to the Main Theater, where Lt. Jack Campbell, post theater officer, maintains headquarters, there are 11 other War Department theaters scattered over greater Fort Benning. Theater No. 2 is located at Wold and Anderson Avenues on the Main Post and is for colored personnel. Theater No. 3 is in the Frying Pan area, and Theater No. 8 serves the First Student Training Regiment.

Theater No. 10 is in the Alabama parapoop area, and Theater No. 12, recently opened, is at Lawson Field. Lt. William B. Pennendorf is in charge at the latter theater.

Theaters Nos. 4, 5, 9 and 11, supervised by Lt. Col. C. M. Clark, assistant theater officer, are located in the Harmony Church under the direction of Lt. John D. D'Agostino. Theaters Nos. 6 and 7, under Lt. Col. W. H. G. Gartrell, serve the Sand Hill area.

SPECIAL SERVICE FUNCTION

The Army Motion Picture Service was inaugurated after World War I when an agreement between the War Department and a commercial distributor proved unsuccessful. GI theaters are operated by the director of the Special Service Division of the Army Service Forces.

The enterprise is entirely cooperative, and profits realized in War Department theaters are turned to the camps. All posts where such motion pictures are shown share in the profits.

There is no censorship exercised in the selection of motion pictures for GI audiences except

USO Clubs Sure Curative For Loneliness

GI's who bewail week in and week out a lack of entertainment at Fort Benning must enjoy "singing the blues" or they would investigate the many entertainment features not only on the reservation but at the USO establishments in Columbus and Phenix City.

In Columbus and Phenix City there are eight USO clubs serving Fort Benning troops in addition to two Travelers' Aid bureaus. Three of these establishments are for the sole use of Negro troops.

USO history in the Fort Benning area has been written by the USO's who worked to establish the club for the men, the most pessimistic manager of a civilian theater. An average weekly attendance of the 12 houses here showing a total of 84 performances is about 95,000.

Capacity of the Main Theater is 3,004 for performance, which means a short, that practically twice that number sees a picture there every night. In addition matinees are shown.

The Main Theater, of course, has the greatest seating facilities on the post, but the other 11 theaters, though smaller, are mostly temporary structures, but certain of them are of permanent type.

Both civilian and military personnel man the Fort Benning theaters. Sgt. Kenneth L. Cooper is assistant manager at the Main Theater. He has worked for

the USO clubs for members of the armed forces is a tribute to our national religious freedom, and may well serve as a model for the post-war world.

MANY FEATURES
Many features are scheduled for presentation weekly on the same days. Sunday's program always includes comedy, songs and jazz in the morning, Town Hall and a musical program in the afternoon and a variety show and motion pictures in the evening. Other week-day events including basketball and other sports, motion picture shows, dancing, parties, amateur dramatics, games and parties are regular attractions in addition to specially programmed events.

Eugene Bergmann is local director of the National Catholic Community Service. The Jewish Welfare Board program is still administered by Maurice Bothchild and Miss Naomi Ganzlaidze, who are pinch-hitting until a successor is named for Edward Korn, who left November 1 as

located at 14 West 11th street, of Negroes. The Travelers' Aid station is at 500 1-2 Ninth street, where Miss Dorothy Butler is director. The Army-Navy YMCA is at 2111 11th street. The USO clubs are the "Army Hour," a soldier radio broadcast on Sunday at 5 p. m. (EWT) is one that club's most famous programs. However, entertainment features and services to be found in all the USO's are programmed.

Facilities offered at all of the clubs include information, travel and room service, lounging, libraries, personal counseling, games, music, radio, popular recordings, arts, crafts, amateur picture shows, hospitality, refreshments, sewing kits and sewing service and package wrapping and mailing.

Miss Anna Pridmore, USO area representative, maintains offices in the USO at 100 Ninth street.

In addition to USO clubs, four other service clubs are located in Columbus. The Service Center is at 411 11th street and First avenue. There is a booth in the Greyhound Bus station and one in Howard Bus station. Miss Elizabeth Mertz is the president of the Columbus Service Center at 1130 First avenue, and the Masonic Service Center is at 1125 Second avenue.

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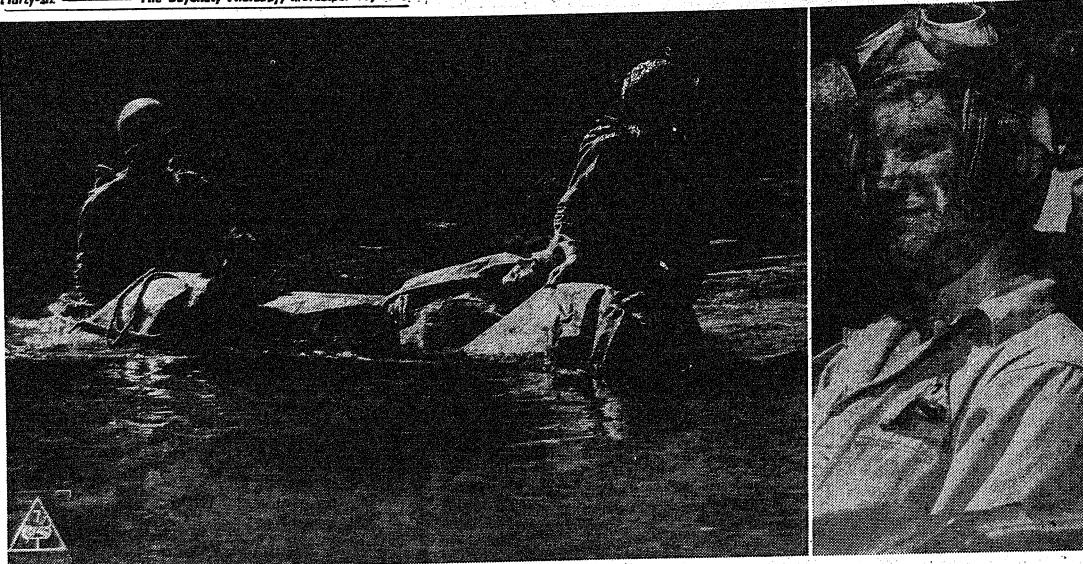
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MAJOR GEN. LINDSAY McDONALD SILVESTER'S Seventh Armored Medics are resourceful as well as rugged as shown by the emergency litter bearer made from a couple of shelter halves and a bit of rope. The two men in

the photo (left) are transporting a simulated casualty across a stream during combat training at Benning. In the center photo is shown Pvt. Looney Cotton of Headquarters, Company A, who like many members of Uncle Sam's armored

outfits, once drove a tractor over the peaceful expanse of his father's Texas farm. Now he pilots a monster of destruction against his country's enemies. In the photo to the right a pair of fearless 7th Armored men are shown com-

ing through a gas cloud during a training problem designed to teach them how to conduct themselves if the enemy in desperation resorts to gas warfare. (U. S. Army Signal Corps—7th Armored Photos.)

Luckies Pride Selves On Leaders, Training

Stepping quickly and methodically into place with Armored Command in all matters of organization and training policies, the "Lucky Seventh" Armored Division, commanded by Major General Lindsay McDonald Silvester, occupies a unique and important position in the United States Army at Ft. Benning.

Now in garrison at Sand Hill, the 7th Armored Division, has continued to keep a pace begun when the division was activated at Camp Polk, Louisiana, in March 1942.

Gen. Silvester, who set the pace less than two years ago, has led the 7th Armored through a concentrated and uninterrupted training program, which began on the day of his assignment.

The Commanding Officer of the snappy 7th Armored Division graduated from the Advance Infantry School at Ft. Benning, in 1924. He is also a graduate of the General Staff School and the Army War College.

Gen. Silvester was first assigned to the 2nd Infantry and went to Fort Shafter in February 1913, returning to the United States in August 1915, for duty with the 2nd General Staff School and the Army War College.

The "Lucky Seventh" has established an enviable record and earned a niche for itself in military circles that will forever be a reminder to the rest of the world that the Army is on the march.

Gen. Silvester has cooperated with enlisted men share equally the opportunities for advancement with graduates of the country's greater military colleges.

A total of 897 men of the 7th Armored Division have been enrolled in the 18 officer candidate schools since the Armistice Day, now, plans are being made, and additional men "from the range" are being sent to the country's most important training centers and schools.

SECOND ACTIVATED

The Seventh Armored Division was the second armored division to be activated in 1942. Many of the same officers came from Ft. Knox, Ky., the Third Armored Division, which was the first to come to Camp Polk. Additional officers and enlisted men came from replacement centers scattered throughout the country.

Using these same grounds, the same experience in training and the same equipment, the 7th Armored Division was built along the same lines. Equipment was scarce at first. Quarters were cramped and minor occupied all this, added to an influx of recruits, the Seventh's soldiers put their shoulders to the wheel-worked and learned together.

By January 1, 1943, every man in the Seventh Armored Division had fired planes and tanks, and every officer attended detailed school for advanced training and through practice familiarized themselves with new equipment.

Men of the 7th Division have been taught by experts within the division, the world, and laboratories. This experimental work occupied much of the men's time during through almost two years of training.

The Seventh Armored Division was primarily trained by the old Third Armored Division. The highly experienced and dedicated personnel of the Division hurriedly responded to the call that brought them into the service. The Division was activated at Camp Polk, La., following 13 weeks of basic training.

In keeping with the Division's policies established by the soldier who leads them, the 7th Armored Division men have been hardened through experience. The Division participated in Louisiana and Texas maneuvers and only recently returned to garrison training. Soldiers of the 7th are now fully equipped to meet hardships, come as they may.

EVERY OUNCE OF ENERGY "From the very day of its activation, Gen. Silvester explains regarding the Division, 'you have given every ounce of your energy to the cause of making the Seventh Division such a well trained unit that it will be able to meet successfully every enemy against which it may operate.'

It was a timed, pace-making business that took place in Louisiana, and ever since. The Seventh Armored Division was trained at Camp Polk in less time than ever known in the history of the Armored Force. The "Lucky Seventh" used the Third Ar-

meds, established by about \$300,000,000 in the United States.

327 Luckies Attend School Since August

Three hundred twenty-seven officers and enlisted men of the 7th Armored Division have been enrolled in advanced military schools throughout the United States since August of this year.

An all-out effort at premissional program uninterrupted since activation of the division.

Eighty-nine officers and 238 enlisted men, recommended by company and battery commanders have been accepted and are continuing advance studies in the various military schools, Capt. Lee H. Casser, Division Schools Officer reported.

Carrying out a policy for enlisted men to share equally the opportunities for advancement in the United States Army by continuing study that would enable them to return to the Division better prepared, Maj. Gen. Silvester, commanding General, has cooperated wholeheartedly.

Whenever any soldier within the 7th Armored Division shows any special aptitude for any particular job it is his ambition to encourage that soldier to continue his studies in that phase of work. Whatever the job there is a school somewhere in the United States where he may better prepare himself for that job.

Enrollment in the Army schools has been steady with the 7th Armored Division. Some 700 soldiers were selected from the ranks and have been graduated from the different Officer Candidate Schools since March 1942. Many of the same have returned to the "Lucky Seventh."

The Armored School at Ft. Knox, Ky., Armored Command Headquarters, claimed the majority of the recent enrollees where officers are enrolled in the Officer's Battalion Commanders' course.

Commanding officers in schools and summer study in armored vehicles, gunners, tank mechanics, light and medium, communications school.

Enlisted men sent to Ft. Knox, Ky., are taking advanced training in gun mechanics, radio, clerical courses, tank repair and laundry.

Thirty men are studying radio operations and many of them are enrolled in tank maintenance courses.

TIS Doubles War Fund Goal

Contributions totaling \$11,031—almost double the amount originally pledged, have been turned over to the National War Fund by units of the Army Signal School at Ft. Knox. These men, especially qualified for their jobs in tanks, guns, light and heavy artillery, radio, motor mechanics and affiliate subunits, have seen to it that Seven Division men have been well equipped for the war.

The 7th Armored Division, ever expanding since its activation, within its ranks some of the nation's leading officers, many of whom grew up with the parades of the Armored Division at Ft. Knox.

Although the Armored Division has been spared by General Silvester in providing opportunities at the very doors of the men of the "Lucky Seventh."

Cockranches, originally confined to the tropics, spread with the increase of commerce.

In 1942 farm mortgage indebtedness was about \$300,000,000 in the United States.



MAJ. GEN. LINDSAY McDONALD SILVESTER, Commanding General of the 7th Armored Division, now garrisoned in the Sand Hill area, views troop movements from a tank turret. He was schooled in the Advance Infantry School at Ft. Benning, and has many times visited the range. (Official U. S. Army Photo 7th AD.)

7th Armored Division Rated Second To None

"Come hell or high water" . . . or even mud, the "Lucky 7th" Armored Division continued to be one of the best entertained divisions in the country . . . due to the untiring efforts of the Division Special Services office.

From the day of the double-time arrival of the 7th Armored Service, the 7th Armored Service has always offered to the men of the division a potpourri of morale-building diversions which has no equal in the Armor-

ed Command.

From "longhair to lowbrow" the "Lucky 7th" SSO has given men a real good time. Gen. Lindsay McDonald Silvester, commanding general, every conceivable type of entertainment

at all began back in North Camp Polk, La., where Capt. David B. Van Winkle, division special service officer, took the reins. The divisional band, which had several fruitless ventures had been made at sensing what the boys wanted in the amusement field.

Although these Armoredmen proved during desert maneuvers that they were capable of running a show, it was not until the arrival of Capt. Walter Gleason, School War Bond and War Fund Officer announced today.

Starting with an original pledge of \$6,486, the Infantry School groups reached their respective goals and then proceeded to add more. As the officers, as the officers and enlisted men received the same at the start of the month.

Leading the unit was the 3rd SSO with a total contribution of \$3,241. The second highest contributor was the 1st SSO, Capt. Thomas Winkler, who had in the sum of \$2,344, while in third was the 300th Infantry with \$1,686.

Captain Gleason pointed out, in making his announcement, that the money sent to the National War Fund is the total contributed by officers and enlisted personnel only, and does not include funds from civilian workers of the Infantry School.

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Midget Music Maker Makes Much Morale

Lt. Walter L. Weaver of the "Lucky 7th's" 147th Armored Signal company is another in a long line of armored division men who believe that music makes morale.

From the day of the double-time arrival of the 7th Armored Service, the 7th Armored Service has gone to be for the men again in providing "something different in every rec hall every night," in garrison.

To alleviate an overflow of soldiers into Columbus, where amusement facilities are always crowded, this section has provided a sports program (which does not interfere with training), variety shows, dances, and movies, to keep these hard-working huskies happy.

A band, a radio station, and four dance orchestras give this division all that it could wish for in the way of music . . . a week passes but the 31st, 40th, 48th or 87th orchestra doesn't furnish dancing girls, but the entertainment field is the enlisted men.

Talented Racals.

In addition to all this, there is a wealth of talent in Maj. Gen. Silvester's 7th Armored.

DESSERT AMUSEMENT

For it was in the desert, "break a leg" and "make a movie" as Kay Kyser, Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy, Eddie Cantor, Al Jolson and a host of other cinema greats generously donated their time and talents to amuse the men after long hours of grueling combat operations.

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THANKSGIVING MENU

Fruit Cocktail — Cream of Celery Soup
Olives — Mixed Pickles — Celery Hearts
Roast Turkey with Sage Dressing
Cranberry Sauce — Giblet Gravy — Rice
Tomato and Lettuce Salad with Mayonnaise
Pumpkin Pie — Ice Cream — Cookies
Hot Rolls — Butter — Crackers
Apples — Oranges — Grapes
Coffee — Lemonade

Other replies came from him and you, as follows:

Sgt. Warren Jones: "I would take six months vacation before I returned to my work as a labor organizer."

M. Sgt. Clifton Phillips: "I would take it a little easier than I do now. Then I would become athletic director in some high school and settle down."

Pfc. Edward Hildebrand: "I would like to go to any place for a while. After a good rest I would return to my taxi business in Baltimore."

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An Army Wife Shops In Columbus

By Phyllis

The J. A. KIRVEN COMPANY is

short-sleeved evening gowns which is all prepared for you to do your Christmas shopping early. I know you'll want to take advantage of all the merchandise which is being sold being so nicely displayed. Whether you plan to buy a hankie or a sewing kit or a silver muskrat coat; a handbag or upholstering, you'll spend money on a grand and glorious hour meandering throughout the store and making your selections. Cosmetics, clothing, dinnerware, children's clothing, equipment for military men, in fact whatever you happen to be seeking you'll find it at Kirven's. Shopping now will assure you a wide choice of new merchandise ready to mail by the 10th of December. This is the final day for Christmas gift mailing.

Everyone asked was ready and Capt. Mendelson replied:

"That's a tough question to answer. If peace was declared today I would try to get back into my father's good graces and our business that of publishing."

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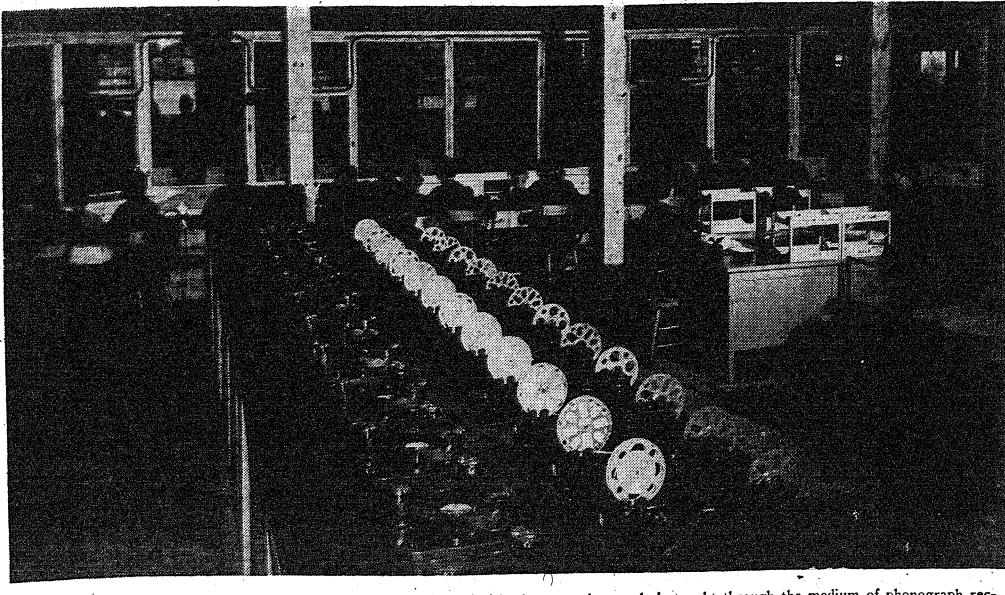
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THE CODE ROOM of the Communications Course of the Infantry School is the spot where code is taught through the medium of phonograph records. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

Spirits Boost Over 300 Years Of Distinguished Service to Country

Regimental Motto 'Liberty Or Death' Is Epitome of National Life-Blood

In 1628, due to encroachment of the Colonists and the consequent hostility of the Indians, a militia was organized in the Colony of Virginia. This marked the birth of the 176th Infantry Regiment, now a member of what was prior to Nov. 1 the School Troops Brigade of The Infantry School. However it was not until 1652 that the official title "regiment" then new in England, was applied to the Virginia Militia.

Fort Benning is rapidly becoming accustomed to the tradition of the 176th Infantry. Formally the First Virginia, with its motto, "Liberty or Death" standing out in bold relief. On that insignia is written the history of which the regiment is so proud. The blue background represents the Infantry; the arrow in the top is a reminder of French and Indian wars; the cross of red is representative of the Revolution and the War of 1812; the gray crossed bars are symbolic of service in the Confederacy; and the fleur-de-lis for service in France in 1779.

After the Revolution the entire regiment participated in the battles of Savannah, Charleston, Guilford, Hobkirk's Hill, 96 and Eutaw Springs. A part of the regiment was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

In the War of 1812, the regiment participated in the Battle of Craney Island, a minor engagement that protected Norfolk. This was one of the few American victories of the war. During the Mexican War the 1st Virginia Militia Regiment, one of the units organized as successors to the Old Virginia Militia.

On April 17, 1862, when the First Virginia Regiment marched into Richmond, the weariness of the foot-soldier was evident only to infantrymen who had been foot-weary for many of the foot-weary soldiers. One wrote these pregnant words: "I reinforce if it was intended to reinforce us, but we are not New Englanders, and our division we would be compelled to foot it all the way." Unfortunately, for 234 years prior to 1862, members of the First Virginia had uttered the same thought. For 81 years since its formation, this same regiment has plodded onward through mud and sand, in battle and on maneuvers—a regiment with a glorious heritage.

When in 1865, part of the Ironclad Nation moved south into Virginia, Nathaniel Bacon led the Virginia regiment and completely vanquished the Indians. Dissension immediately arose with the royal governor, Berkeley Bacon was declared a rebel. Supported by the colony, he led the militia against Jamestown and thus struck for liberty in the New World, anticipating the future by a century. OVER MOUNTAINS.

In 1776, the English settlements had crossed the mountains and were pushing into the Ohio Valley where contact with the French was made. War between the French and English extended to America. The House of Burgesses ordered the Virginia militia mobilized. George Washington was appointed lieutenant colonel. It was the next year that the British general, Braddock, approached Fort Duquesne, capturing it and the First Virginia Regiment under Washington, who had assumed command, covered his retreat. The regiment remained in service for 20 years, manning the forts on the western frontier.

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The House of Burgesses moved to Richmond and, in a session in which Washington sat as a member, Patrick Henry electrified the colonists with his speech "Liberty or Death." On October 1775, Patrick Henry was appointed colonel of the 1st Virginia Regiment, and afterward became Governor of Virginia.

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Post P.-T. A. Is Quite Active

The Fort Benning Parent-Teachers' Association has the ever changing nature of an army post with parents coming for a short period bringing new faces and thoughts to further its progress.

This year's projects are equipping a supervised luncheon which is attractively furnished in a red and green color scheme, also supervised rest rooms and their equipment. In the past year the Parent-Teachers' Association has furnished each room with recreation equipment, namely: puzzles, books, globes, maps and song books. Every year they sponsor a Halloween party for all Fort Benning school children. Their capable president for 1943-44 is Mrs. C. G. Stiller, whose untiring efforts to serve the school, the parents, and the teachers are bringing forth better cooperation for all concerned.

Given the regiment for this duty.

In February 1943, the regiment was transferred to A. P. Hill Military Reservation, alerted for overseas, and passed with high commendation, final battle tests. On April 10th the regiment entrained at Milford, Virginia (where, in 1664 it had covered Lee's right flank following the Wilderness and Spotsylvania) for Fort Benning.

The demonstration, the non-coms selected for the job, exhibit a fast, thorough, and scientific technique of rough and tumble combat in which they successfully disarm opponents armed with bayonets or knives.

They do their work in a manner which makes the methods appear simple yet one minute's training could lead to the sad disadvantage of being armed with an unarmed opponent.

Sgt. William Tillman of Bay Saint Louis, Mo., and Staff Sgt. Fred Poulton of Athens, Ga. (pictured above as Tillman disarms knife man), are two of the best demonstrators. Both are former members of the 29th Infantry. Tillman has been in the Army for seven years and Poulton for twelve.

Another pair that is equally as good consists of Staff Sgt. Angus Sheller and Staff Sgt. Fred George, both from Jacksonville, Fla. They're from the 124th men and they've been doing this demonstration for a couple of years.

This pair is unusual because they've grown up together. They live near each other in Jacksonville, went to Kirby Smith, Jr. and Andrew Jackson Sr. high schools together, and were transferred from the 124th together. (TIS Photo.)

Now assigned to the School Troops Brigade and quartered in the "Quarrel" the 176th is endeavoring to carry on in the footsteps of those who, over a span of three centuries, by devotion to duty, discipline, and courage, have given the regiment its enviable record.

One hundred and sixty-five years ago the regiment had furnished Demonstration Troops for Baron von Steuben at Valley Forge. History repeats itself.

During the War Between the States, the First was again organized. In the War with Spain, the regiment was brought up to the aid of the citizens of the Virginia Militia. The Richmond Light Infantry Blues, long a component of the regiment, served in the Army of Occupation in Cuba. Reorganized as a regiment for the War of 1861 and 1865, it served on the Mexican border.

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WORLD WAR I.

With the declaration of war against Germany in 1917, the 1st, 2nd and 4th Virginia Regiments were consolidated into the 16th Division of the 29th Division. This unit trained at Camp McClellan, Ala., and sailed for France on June 15, 1918. Again, with honor, the regiment served first in the Alsace and then in the Meuse-Argonne offensive where it participated for twenty consecutive days in the attack.

On May 31 the graduates of the N.C.O. school took charge of the Regimental Relief Fund. Many clubs were formed into the 1st Infantry, Virginia National Guard, of which the Richmond Light Infantry Blues constituted the First Battalion. In the fall of 1940, the regiment remained in service for 20 years, manning the forts on the western front.

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Wyoming's Weir And
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While the Spirit football team is still racing along at top speed, the 17th Infantry's basketballers are going through light practice sessions, preparing for the Infantry School Basketball League campaign. Lt. Kirk Geber, who captained the Washington State hoopers in 1942, has been named to tutor the basketballers.

WEIR AND LEE

Twenty-two players answered the first call and several outstanding men are on hand for the campaign. Head coach Weir is from Wyoming, University and Marv Lee, who stands six-three, Lee was an excellent performer for UCLA during the past three seasons.

Another candidate for the five is Sparky Sucharuk, late of the championship Spirit baseball team. Sucharuk, who hails from Detroit, has played with club teams prior to entering the service. Joe Novak, hurler on Company 7's softball, titlist is also looking good in his season warm-ups.

TWO VETERANS

Two men who performed on last year's quintet, and who will be wearing the Red and Gray again, are Steve Blanchard and Buck Konopasek; while Leo McPhee, Steve Hargan and Sully Harrell will join the courtiers following the football season. Others now working out under Lt. Geber's tutelage are Donald Grey, Mallory, McCarel, Waller, Tolley, Olson, Stoen, Wright, Peeler, Michele, Heath, Aldrice, Poyer, Ready, and Poland.

Troop Carrier Squadron at Lawton Field captured second place, while Sgt. Harry J. Schmidt of the Armored Regiment's "G" Company took third.

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NOTABLES ATTEND BASEBALL PARTY for Service League teams at Fort Benning given by post athletic association. Left to right, the officers are: Col. William H. Hobson, post commander; Brig. Gen. Henry L. Perrine, commanding officer for the Infantry School's troops brigade; Lt. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, post athletic director; and Maj. Harry Gowdy, special service officer for the Infantry School. The recipients of the awards are: St. Sgt. Eugene H. Heyward, of Miami, Fla., manager of the Reception Center team which won the Southeastern Servicemen's title; and Corp. John Washington of Birmingham, Ala., captain of the 1st STR Red Sox, which captured the Benning Service League crown. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

ASTP Sports Program Designed For Conditioning, High Morale

Appeal To Competitive Spirit
Reached Through Athletic Games

Unquestionably, the youth of our nation needs more physical education. Competitive sports seem to offer the most effective answer to building up and maintaining the high physical standards of ASTP trainees of Basic Training Center at Fort Benning. The "one-two" stuff that goes to make up the greater part of calisthenics is undoubtedly required to a certain extent, yet, obviously it doesn't contain the appeal of competitive sports.

It is a known fact that competitive spirit runs high in the minds of every American. It is the art of the system which makes America pulsating and alive. Participation in a game gives a fellow a chance to show off his own skill and to give the other guy a trimmer, as well as an opportunity to compete in a friendly, but daily Army routine which is so essential in the training of a basic. In recognition of these facts and in an effort to cater to the likes and dislikes of the individual, in the general, imperative effort of creating the Army of the Day, the Special Service Officers of ASTP have constantly set a pattern of switching from one sport to another.

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Rules and regulations for the

league were adopted at a recent meeting of the captains and everyone is in readiness for not only some keen basketball playing but some real entertainment.

Another private first class, Charles E. Moore, of the 5th

Company took third.

First-place honors in the Bayonet's weekly score-guessing contest for last Thursday went to Pfc. Wesley Roth, a member of Battery B, 440th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, a unit of the 7th Armored Division.

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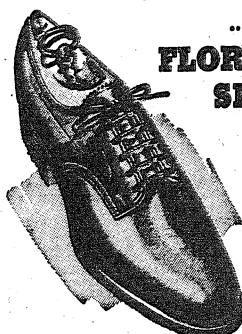
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drum, S. Cemore and Paul E. Car-

roll can name another common

ground both having been out-

standing collegiate football players

who were chosen on numerous all-

star teams.

Cemore played guard on the
Canton, Ohio, University team from
1938 to 1940. While he was

with that eleven, he was a member
of the Missouri Valley Conference

team for two years. He also was

chosen as a member of the Ameri-

can-Indian All-Star Trophy for

being the outstanding player on

the team.

In 1941 Cemore played first-

string guard with the Philadelphia

Eagles in the American Profes-

sional League. This was the team

owned by the millionaire sports-

man, Art Thompson, who often

sat at his desk for the games

and the All-Stars.

1942 Cemore was a member

of the Army All-Star team and

played guard against the Wash-

ington Redskins, the Chicago

Cardinals and other professional

clubs. It was during the All-

Star-Cardinal game that he

had his only points, a field goal

from the 22 yard line which put

the game on ice for the All-Stars.

Cemore names Stendler and Kim-

ber, the greatest backs he

competed against and the Bull-

dog, the greatest of the backs he

ever opposed. His choice for the

best all-around player is Don Hutson of the Green

Bay Packers.

Carroll, on the other hand, con-

firms all his boasting to his

college days at Louisiana State

University. There he played the

tackle position and was star line-

man for three years, from 1934-

36. In 1936 Carroll was chosen

as the all-Louisiana All-Southern

and All-Southeastern team.

Carroll's first game against the

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Academic Regiment Traces Its History Back to Presidio, Monterey

Profs, Born In 1907, Form Able Corps of TIS Assistant Instructors

The Academic Regiment, a unique outfit of non-coms and assistant teachers, performs duties pertaining to the smooth functioning of The Infantry School. It has grown to a full-strength regiment from its humble beginning in 1907 in the School of Musketry, at the Presidio of Monterey in California. Under various detachment designations, the outfit gathered numbers as it moved from California to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to Columbus, Georgia, and finally, in 1918, to Fort Benning.

For 20 years our academic-military organization was known as the Infantry School Detachment. Two years ago, when the new Infantry School Service Command was introduced, the old T.S. was named the Academic Battalion. Seven companies composed the outfit, which on 1 Jan, 1942, was redesignated a regiment.

At present the Academic Regiment consists of Headquarters Company and Companies C, D, G, and H, stationed at the current locations of the Post: Companies C, E, F, and I, stationed in Harmonia Church; the WAC Detachment of the Infantry School (assigned for administration and relations); Section One of which is quartered in Harmonia Church with Section Two on the Main Post; the Special Service Detachment (colored), stationed at the Infantry School Stables.

During the last year C, H, and I companies were activated. The original G company was inactivated early in the summer and then reactivated this fall.

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BEFORE MANY RECORDS

During the course of the performance of their routine duties the Academic have often been instrumental in record-breaking, new techniques and devices essential to victory. It is a regular occurrence for the outfit's machine-guns, mortar crews, BAR experts, anti-tank gunners, and anti-aircraft gunners to break all-time army records—almost as a matter of course during their demonstrations for students.

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MORALE FACTORS

The regiment sponsors and supports three "morale factors." The PROFS, the Academic athletic team, are well-known as ranking among the best basketeers and baseballers in the army. During the past year the PROFS won the first-half basketball title and were squeezed out of the second-half post championship by the Post. The PROFS are second in the Post— the Post was 50-48. In baseball the PROFS licked the Parachutists three straight for the first-half crown, and then were nosed out of the second-half title in a close seven-game playoff series with the 16th Infantry. The Post was 100-52. Section One of the WAC School of Fort Benning drew a crowd of over 7,000 a night or a total of 50,000 for the series.

In softball and basketball the regiment places both company and regimental teams into enthusiastically-supported competition within and without the regiment. The Academic Regiment Jazz Band is followed from engagement to engagement by music lovers and dancers the Post over. With an average of 15 bookings a month, the orchestra is a favorite of every soldier on the Post as well as for military affairs in Columbus and Phenix City.

THE MIRROR

The Regimental MIRROR is considered one of the most important morale factors of the regiment. The MIRROR was launched as a four-page weekly sheet in September 1942. The MIRROR is now publishing as a six-page Thursday newspaper with full news and sports coverage, as well as card-rooms and features. A definite editorial policy is followed. Hundreds of copies are sent home and to buddies in other camps by the Academic, who apparently consider the paper as a scrapbook of life at Fort Benning. During its 60 issues of "reflecting the regiment," the MIRROR has published over 100 cash purchases, or pay advances, or both—averaged one thousand dollars a month.

Not content with being experts, the men of the Academic Regiment have an enviable bond-buying record. During the Third Loan Drive the Academics—e i t h e r through cash purchases, or pay advances, or both—averaged one thousand dollars a month.

Special Service Detachment and WAC Detachment No. 1 are outstanding for those of their record of 100 per cent bond purchases. As for their 100 per cent cash purchase of bonds during the recent bond drive, the men of the Academic Regiment are numerous commanders from high military authorities on the regiment's postal system, clean barracks, bond records for the regiment.



TO TEACH WEAPONS you've got to know something about them. In the case of Tech. Sgt. J. Johnson of the Academic Regiment, there is no doubt that he is qualified to instruct marksmanship, for one thing. Last May he pumped 32 dead-center shots out of 32 into a bull's-eye the size of a nickel on the 1000-inch range. (Courtesy—The Mirror).

709th Tankers Give Infantry School Boys Battle Atmosphere

The 709th Tank Battalion arrived at this station as an interior battalion of the 40th Armored Division in the Louisiana and Desert Training Center, mainly to continue its co-education of all activities of Basic Training Center. At the time the order came down directing BTC to deal directly with Replacement and School Command, Col. Spann expressed his appreciation for the fact that he was assigned to the Infantry School on Sept. 20, 1943.

This new organization moved overnight to its newly assigned post on Scott Avenue and 14th Street in the Sand Hill area and began functioning as a separate battalion on the morning of the 21st with Lt.-Col. Odie L. Harmon commanding. The staff of the 709th, consisting of the following: Maj. Frank G. Lumpkin, executive officer; Maj. John L. McLaughlin, plans and training officer; Capt. Joseph P. Somers, assistant plans and training officer; First Lt. Doran E. Waugh, assistant, Capt. Lovell C. Newell, intelligence officer, and Capt. I. J. A. Collett, supply officer.

In addition the 709th was fortunate to retain six well-seasoned captains as company commanders for the new battalion. These officers, Capt. Myrl C. Lynch, Michael J. Guley, John L. Wilner, Perry J. Cox, Jr., Morton H. Smith, and Capt. J. C. Coonan, were selected for their ability to command troops.

The 709th was assigned to the Seventh Armored Division for administration and supervision of training it continued in full stride with its parent organization until Oct. 1, 1943, at which time it was activated from Seventh A.D. and III Corps and assigned to the Replacement and School Command.

Two Maneuvers

The 709th is a veteran of two

OUTSTANDING IN SPORTS

Sgt. Carl Neu, who has been around these parts several weeks picking up those new acquaintances, says when pictures have been running in the Bayonet, was slightly miffed when he heard last week that Sgt. Bates, was being prominently mentioned as the WAC pin-up boy of the month. He doesn't mind, nobody ever picked him as a pin-up boy," he grumbled. But some fan mail the next day perked up the picker-upper no end.

Geepers, nobody ever sends old man Gripe no fan mail, I'm hurtin'.

As for picking me as a pin-up boy, hah, hah, I even have to laff at that myself.

"Tennessee Slim" Church, the tall and gangly member of the Hillbilly Band from the 176th Infantry, is in the hospital (apparently having a toothache) and when Corp. Don Hesse went to visit him the other day Slim said, "Oh, boy, I am going to get some of that 'dear' meat (correct) from home." "Well, I'll fix me up—yessir, some of that 'dear' meat," said the tall, thin, Tennessee.

"You mean 'version,'" quipped Corp. Hesse.

"None, I mean deer meat—dear old sowbelly meat," replied Slim.

The 13th left their little Adam Lazongs behind and the fellows in the 131st are not just exactly sure what to do with 'em.

They have some good news-hounds in that 131st, too. Their paper, "The Infantry News," sure makes out chock-a-block. There's a couple of swell items we got out of it and are passing along for the rest of the Post to chock over (why can't the other organizations here keep their ears open and look out along some studs like this now??).

Put, Henry Fuoco of Company F, sent out 33 letters to his gal friend in an evening. Hey, that's enough for a correspondence course.

And that Corp. Dana V. Mick, a boy in Cannon Company, thought he'd save flour and doubled the amount of baking powder in biscuits the other day. They must have made a bride's first attempt at like a balloon filled with marshmallows.

And they claim that an Anti-Tank sgt. forgot to remove socks while taking a bath.

The Band members are a bit excited because somebody chopped part of their new portable piano so it fit in a corner—and now they have to play on a short table.

In the 300th Infantry they're swearing this actually, took place: Seems that few weeks

ago a Sgt. gave command "Hips on shoulder" and the Band members considered it a bit of a punishment.

The Band also supplies cards to members of organizations to be sent to other states. There are to be 100 cards and sent to the men and their correspondents of the men.

Don't say whether the Lieutenant was a circus performer in civilian life—but they do claim it's absolutely true.

The war memorial building at Bennington, Vt., is the military background since back to the year 1918. One stone shaft memorial in the world.

ASTP Basic Center Plays Important Role

On May 26, 1943, the Army Specialized Training Program Basic Training Center was activated. It was and has been until this week a part of The Infantry School. At the onset, BTC was joined with Student Training Brigade, Col. Sevier R. Turner was commanding officer of both BTC and STE, Col. Wilson M. Spann was his executive officer.

But on August 4, 1943, BTC separated from STE, becoming completely allies of the two the two units together. These sweeping changes did not come as a surprise. It had become more and more apparent that the program and administration for the training of basic in the fundamental areas of the student would eventually be placed under a special head where they might receive undivided attention. It was felt at the time that both Student Training Brigade and Basic Training Center were too large and too disparate in their purposes and functions to be tied together. The separation came at a time when the independent identity seemed most practical.

On October 16, 1943, ASTP Basic Training Center was activated to deal directly with the Replacement and School Command Army Ground Forces, and the commanding officer, Fort Benning, Ga.

This, in effect, relieved The Infantry School of the duties incident to an intermediate headquarters. However, the Commandant of the Infantry School continued to maintain co-ordination of all activities of Basic Training Center.

This command has demonstrated its ability to go through problems with little resistance and has moved much from its association with the Infantry School on Sept. 20, 1943. This new organization moved overnight to its newly assigned post on Scott Avenue and 14th Street in the Sand Hill area and began functioning as a separate battalion on the morning of the 21st with Lt.-Col. Odie L. Harmon commanding. The staff of the 709th, consisting of the following: Maj. Frank G. Lumpkin, executive officer; Maj. John L. McLaughlin, plans and training officer; Capt. Joseph P. Somers, assistant plans and training officer; First Lt. Doran E. Waugh, assistant, Capt. Lovell C. Newell, intelligence officer, and Capt. I. J. A. Collett, supply officer.

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The 709th was assigned to the 709th Tank Battalion on Sept. 20, 1943. Prior to the activation of the 109th, Colonel Harmon served as a battalion commander in the 40th Armored Division and intelligence officer of the 733rd Tank Battalion. Colonel Harmon is a graduate of Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., where he received his initial appointment in June, 1927.

The battalion executive officer, Major Lumpkin, Jr., is native of Columbus, Ga. Major Lumpkin, Jr., was promoted to captain in February, 1941, for duty with the 2nd Armored Division. He was promoted to major in January, 1943, and is the lead cycle in process of training or in process of filling up. When BTC is in full operation it is expected to have a strength fluctuating between 10,000 and 12,000 troops.

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